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THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

General Executive Committee.

Mrs. C. D. Foss, President, called the thirtieth session of the General Executive Committee to order in the beautiful Epworth Memorial Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday morning, October 26th, at 9 o'clock.

For eight days the Committee was in session, and they were days crowded from early morn until late at night with social pleasure, blessed Christian fellowship, missionary enthusiasm and the development of plans for the extension of Christ's Kingdom to earth's remotest bounds.

Everything combined to make the meeting one of the most successful. The weather was delightful, the church convenient and adapted to the meetings of various committees, the efficient local committee attentive to every want, the pastor in the fore-front with helpful sympathy, and large and appreciative audiences.

On Thursday evening the communion was administered, and this solemn and impressive service never seemed more helpful, as members of the Committee and missionaries from the remote parts of the earth gathered about the Lord's table. Bishop Thoburn and about twenty ministers of the city assisted the pastor and presiding elder. At the close Mrs. Cowen, Secretary of the Branch, extended a very cordial welcome, to which Mrs. Keen responded.

Thirty minutes at the opening of each morning session and an hour in the afternoon were given to a season of devotion, so full and rich in heart experiences as to lift every one above the weariness of the day's work.

It was a cause of devout thanksgiving that the year's work had been crowned with success in all departments, and that the receipts were the largest in the Society's history, exceeding those of the previous year by thirty-one thousand dollars.

Twenty of the Society's missionaries were present, beside several of the General Missionary Society, whose words were always helpful.

A delightful informal reception was held one evening in the church parlors, giving an opportunity to meet many of the Methodists of Cleveland and vicinity.

The Sabbath was a day given over to the interests of the Society in the various Methodist churches, while in the evening the thirtieth anniversary was held in the presence of an audience that completely filled the church.

The reports of the foreign work, so full of thrilling interest, acceptance of missionaries, resolutions passed and a summary of the proceedings may all be found within this report.

The meeting in 1900 will be held in Worcester, Mass.

Report of Foreign Work.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

INDIA.

NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference in 1864.
Woman's Work Commenced in 1869.

MISSIONARIES.

*Isabella Thoburn,
Florence Nichols,
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Elizabeth Hoge,
Eva M. Hardie,
Fannie Scott,
Clara M. Organ,
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Alice Means.

Mrs. P. T. Wilson,

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

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*On home leave.

In this, the first field opened to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, we can look back over three decades of organized work for heathen women. And from a review of the results, it would seem that had the Society done nothing else in the thirty years, this alone would have been a rich return for the investment of prayer and faith

and effort. Work is carried on in nine presiding elders' districts, covering eighty-five stations and circuits, each the centre of outlying organized work. Twenty-four representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society with the wives of twenty missionaries belonging to the parent board, superintend the force of native workers, which includes 327 assistants in various lines of work, besides the 345 Bible-women regularly employed, 1,336 girls are gathered into the various boarding-schools, 384 in the orphanages and 3,016 in the day-schools and 8,350 in Sunday-schools. Through these and many other agencies the seed of the kingdom is being sown, and already the fields are white to the harvest.

KUMAON DISTRICT. This district comprises Naini Tal, Dwarahat, Pithoragarh and Bhot, covering all grades of work. Wellesley High-school at Naini Tal has added another prosperous year to the long list of successes. Sickness came, a rare thing in this well ordered school, but the record was remarkable, thirty-two out of forty passing the Government examination. This school makes its own improvements and repairs, and begs for teachers only from home, the need being increasingly urgent. Strong characters are being built up here, and the girls are known wherever they go, as earnest and conscientious. Every year under Miss Easton's care, the property increases in value, and within the last year an addition was deeded to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which with that already there gives it a valuation of $27,500.

In Huldwana and Bharbar, Mrs. Knowles superintends schools and Bible-women, and reports a fair degree of success. Mrs. Rockey superintends the Elizabeth Snyder Boarding-school at Dwarahat, where a fine class of girls finished a year of faithful work. There are day-schools and Bible-women in the circuit work, and a number of baptisms are reported.

Pithoragarh circuit work embraces the Girls' Boarding-school, the home, medical and village work. Marked progress is recorded in the school-work. Ninety-eight girls are gathered in and passed satisfactory examinations. There are twenty-two Bible-women and ten assistants. There are sixty-nine women in the home, three are studying medicine and eight are settled in villages near. Only four are non-Christians. Miss Tresham's work among the village women has been blessed. Miss Hayes has taken three itinerating trips, and Miss Reed two, thus hundreds have been reached with the gospel message.

Bhot Circuit, the faraway outpost, Dr. Sheldon and Miss Brown bravely hold their places, are filling the days with work, caring

alike for body and soul. Itinerating trips vary the history of the year, and a training-school for Christian workers helps the new recruits. Village and Home Sunday-schools are reported and an Epworth League that is probably the *highest* in the world.

Garhwal District consists of six circuits and two sub-circuits, where two assistants and twenty-one Bible-women are employed, and 103 villages are regularly visited.

At Paori the girls-orphanage and boarding-school are now occupying the new building and the wonderful health record for the year attests the improved conditions. Miss Kyle is superintendent, and has heart and hands full caring for the sixty orphans and eighty-nine girls in boarding-school. Mrs. Gill's return is anxiously looked for.

SAMBHAL DISTRICT.—Mrs. Hiram Cutting, *Superintendent.* In this district there are thirteen circuits and eighty-seven sub-circuits. There are Christians living in about one thousand villages. Work is carried on by thirteen pastors' wives, fifty-three Bible-women and twenty-six teachers. There are twenty-one schools in which one hundred and thirteen Christians and three hundred and one non-Christian women and girls are being taught. There are nineteen Christian teachers and seven non-Christian.

MORADABAD DISTRICT. We find here eleven large circuits, each with native pastors, Bible-women, day-schools, and evangelistic work, besides the boarding-schools and city work at Moradabad and Bijnour. The work is carried on by fifty-three Bible-women, fourteen evangelistic teachers, and thirty-eight assistants. There are nearly 1,000 in the day-schools and over 2,000 scholars in the Sunday-school. There are eighty-eight scholars in the boarding-school at Bijnour, and 114 at Moradabad. Miss Mary Means was given evangelistic work; the superintendence of the Moradabad Bible-school came upon her sister, Alice, a heavy burden for a new recruit, but was bravely attempted and successfully carried on.

BAREILLY DISTRICT has thirteen outlying circuits, each with its network of stations, besides the boarding-schools and city work in Bareilly, Shahjahanpore and Budaon; there are 98 Bible-women and 48 assistants.

The orphanage, under Misses English and Loper, has a total, orphans and scholars, of 315. The Women's-school, under Mrs. Dr. Scott, has prospered. Forty names were on the roll; three were taught kindergarten, three were in a medical class, and twenty-three in the Bible-woman's course.

The Budaon Boarding-school, under Miss Green, enrolled 62 girls and the year has been one of marked improvement. Shahjahanpore reports 118 pupils. Mrs. Parker has greatly assisted the teachers in this school, and a year of most successful work is thankfully recorded. The attendance in Sunday-schools in this district is very encouraging, and shows well in the report of every station. The medical work also has always been a feature in this district. Mrs. Dr. Dease, assisted by Miss Dymes, report for the year:

"We have treated in the dispensary 8,121 new cases, have made 12,363 visits; have visited in zenanas 104 patients, on whom 217 calls have been made, and have admitted into the hospital 92 patients, who have stayed, on an average, eighteen days."

PILIBHIT DISTRICT.—Mrs. B. R. Paul, *Supt.*, writes: "I took over charge of the duties of superintendent of zenana work of this district in the beginning of the year.

Forty-four Bible-readers, 30 teachers and 15 other Christian women are employed in the work. There are 848 zenana houses, 84 "*mohallas*" and 245 towns and villages. In twenty-seven schools, education is given to 313 girls—both Christian and non-Christian. There are 477 Christian women who receive spiritual instruction regularly, and it is my earnest desire that all the baptized women and girls may receive both spiritual and secular help.

SITAPUR DISTRICT is largely made up of country work in villages and among the small farmers. The boarding-school at Sitapur, under Miss Celesta Easton, numbers 125 pupils. There was fair progress in study, growth in Christian life, and the report closes with a note of glad thanksgiving. Mrs. Dr. Wilson has superintended the zenana work, and most faithful work it has been. Through her efforts a debt of $1,000 on the home was lifted during the year, for which she should have a note of special thanks from the Society. The number of zenanas in this district is very large, and much of the Bible-women's work was among the purdah women.

OUDH DISTRICT, from the Christian College in Lucknow to the village day-school, the year has seen hard work, anxious care, but glad rejoicing that for every trial there was a way of escape. There are fifteen students in the college class, one hundred and thirty-five in the High-school department, and thirty-five in kindergarten.

The many lines of work in the city of Lucknow, English work, day-schools, home for homeless women, evangelistic work, have all been prosecuted with vigor. The district work under Mrs. Mansell,

comprises six large circuits, where 45 Bible-women and eight teachers are employed, 1,546 zenanas are visited and 131 villages have regular services.

GONDA DISTRICT has nine large circuits, where one assistant and twenty-nine Bible-women are at work. Forty-seven women were baptized during the year, and the number under religious instruction is 1,162. Miss Scott's return to the school left Miss Hoge free for evangelistic work. The school has had as good a year as could be expected, with all the drawbacks of insufficient room, falling walls, and every kind of discomfort. How they have achieved the success is a matter of wonder. Miss Hoge has spent the season in an evangelistic visitation of her wide territory, covering some eighty miles. Evangelistic bands, begun by Phebe Rowe, are a new and effective way of reaching many, and will be used largely in prosecuting country work. The missionary starts out with tent and all equipment for a protracted service, she takes trained Bible-women with her, and they go from village to village, stopping to hold meetings, and gathering in the simple-hearted women, teaching them the simple truths of Christian living. While to many the message is for the first time, it is largely planned to help the new converts, to strengthen their faith, and root out the least vestige of idolatry. Miss Mary Means seems especially adapted to this work, and with Miss Hoge, will itinerate in the North India Conference.

MRS. B. R. COWEN, *Official Correspondent.*

NORTHWEST INDIA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference in 1892.

MISSIONARIES.

ANNA E. LAWSON,	ANNA GALLIMORE,	LAURA BOBENHOUSE,
ADA J. LAUCK,	LAURA S. WRIGHT,	MELVA A. LIVERMORE,
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WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. EMMA MOORE SCOTT,	MRS. J. T. ROBERTSON,	MRS. C. HOSKINS,
MRS. N. M. MANSELL,	MRS. R. CLANCY,	MRS J. LYON,
MRS. P. M. BUCK,	MRS. J. C. LAWSON,	MRS. ELLEN DE SOUZA.

Though it is but a few years since our Society entered this conference we now have seven boarding-schools with six hundred and fifty girls, one training-school, one hundred and fifty day-schools,

numbering sixteen hundred and fifty pupils, three hundred and twenty Sunday-schools with sixty-three hundred children and one hundred and seventy-five Bible-women at work.

God has wonderfully blessed the work of this conference from the beginning and it seems limited only by the money given for its support.

Mrs. Buck makes this interesting comparison: "When we came to Meerut six years ago all the Methodist Church owned in the whole district was a little Butler chapel that cost about twenty-five dollars, and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society had nothing. We then had four or five thousand native Christians, now we have sixteen thousand living in eight hundred villages. The special need now, as emphasized by all the missionaries, is to teach these new Christians." Of this Miss Sullivan writes: "How I do wish I could lay this itinerating work upon the hearts of good, able people at home. I never so much appreciated our girls' boarding-schools as I have since my few months itinerating in the villages last year where I saw the wretched condition of the little village girls and realized how inevitably if left at home they are married very early, often under ten years of age. The ever-increasing number of educated, Christian young women, going out from under our influence is a wonderfully encouraging sight. Something radical, something so big and strong as to be felt all over our two Northern conferences must be done for the village women, nominally Christians, or heathen wives of Christian men. Can we afford to neglect this impure fountain head? Women, as we all know, are proverbially religious and the superstitions of idolatry bind them very tightly and long after the man has given up his idolatry his wife may be going on with it, and even with his knowledge, for the superstition is so great. Then another reason we need to go to the villages is because the men will not allow the women to listen to the man preacher and Hindustani men naturally think women are not capable of learning or comprehending much, hence do not give them a chance; then add to this their own superstitious fear about displeasing their gods and it is not hard to see how essential for us to go to these women to teach them and to lead them into the light, and the only possible way for this is for us to take our tents and provisions and move from place to place.

"The roads are so bad and the distance from one village to another is sometimes so great that we can not average much more than two villages a day during a season, and when we remember that our Christian people are scattered in thousands, it is evident

that it means effort to reach them all or even a good share of them. At conference last year I did hope to be given some district work, but was overwhelmed when the appointment was 'General Evangelist,' and if this is to be my work I can not feel content until we have at least one itinerating party at work all of each cold season in each district, and I am sure it would greatly multiply the usefulness of the money you already give for this work.

"We are very anxious to send out two itinerating parties the coming season in different directions. We have most of the necessary outfit and plenty of good helpers, Eurasian and Hindustani, ready and eager to enter the work, but as yet no promise of money to carry it on. We pray that some one may help us in this our time of need."

In a recent letter Dr. Emma Scott expresses her grateful appreciation of the home and dispensary made possible by the gift of Mrs. Calder, of the Northwestern Branch. Her great need now is a hospital. Miss Gallimore and Mrs. Hoskins report a successful itinerating season on their respective districts.

This conference met with a great loss in the death of the presiding elder of the Kasganj District. Dr. Scott says: "He was full of enterprise and energy and administered his district well, was building up a good native church and pushing self-support. For three years he had depended entirely for his support on the people of his district. His place will be hard to fill."

Miss M. Watson, *Official Correspondent.*

SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1876.
Re-organized, 1886.

MISSIONARIES.

Louise E. Blackmar,	Alice A. Evans,	Frances I. Fisher,
Catharine Wood,	Grace Stephens,	Florence Maskell,
	I. Ernsberger, M. D.	

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

Mrs. W. H. Batstone,	Mrs. J. B. Buttrick,	Mrs. A. E. Cook,
Mrs. J. H. Garden,	Mrs. R. H. Madden,	Mrs. W. D. Walker.

One has but to note the progress of missionary work in any of our foreign fields—notably in the two for which it has been your pleasure to constitute me official correspondent—to be impressed with

the fact that we have entered into the fulfillment of Habakkuk's prophecy: "Behold ye among the heathen and regard and wonder marvelously, for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you." Let us glance at only a section of the new Godavery District, where we find a caste embracing 300,000 Chumars calling themselves followers of the true name; though the "name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease" they have never heard; have broken away from idolatry and do not touch intoxicants or tobacco. Many of them are enquirers and are eagerly pressing for baptism. Without a Bible or human teacher who would have believed it possible! What is the solution to the mystery? "By my Spirit, saith the Lord."

In this district, embracing, it is estimated, 2,000,000 women and girls, we find but one worker; one missionary for two million! That one is our own devoted, hard working Miss Blackmar at Sironcha; now in her eighteenth year of service without furlough. Her work embraces all lines—educational, humanitarian and evangelistic. She says: "During the year the missionary appointed by the Bishop has baptized fifteen persons," and the presiding elder writes me, "All baptisms and accessions to the church are traceable to her teachings and influence." Some customs of the heathen respecting burial are most oppressive and cruel. The following incident will be an illustration. A family of Hindus occupying a hut on the mission ground were employed—both parents and children—by the missionaries. They were enquirers and desired baptism, and while evidence of fitness on the part of the wife was satisfactory, the husband's was not, and so baptism of all was delayed. While the missionaries were absent and only a few Christians remained in the place the wife fell ill. She said a number of times to the Christians who came to serve or pray with her: "I am so ill! who knows if I shall recover, and I am not baptized." She died.

Her caste people refused to bury her because she had lived and died on the mission grounds, and it was not practicable for the Christians to do it, inasmuch as the only Christian cemetery is government property and under stringent rules regarding burials. The Christians finally shamed her caste people into taking charge of the body, and as the husband was very poor and had six little ones to provide for, they agreed not to exact the fee which is always taken to provide intoxicants at the funeral. But some relatives from another village appeared upon the scene, and with heathenish hard heartedness demanded the fee before the body should be touched. So the husband was obliged to borrow five rupees, though he had not a morsel of

food for himself and children, and it fell upon the poor Christians to provide for them. The body was taken to the river for cremation, and the heathen relations spent the funeral money in maddening drink and spent the night in carousal, which the Christians could not prevent and which distressed them beyond measure. A widow, living with Miss Blackmar, who led a most consistent life fell seriously ill as Miss Blackmar was preparing to leave for conference. Mullo was greatly distressed with the thought that she might die unbaptized during Miss Blackmar's absence, and the Christians were equally so, fearing a repetition of the above-named painful experience and they greatly desired that Mullo should be baptized. No ordained minister was at hand, nor could one come at that time, and it was clear that Mullo's comfort and safety, as well as the protection of the Christians required the rite to be administered, and it was given by Miss Blackmar. When informed of the circumstances her action was heartily approved by the authorities of the mission.

The rainfall has been slight and price of grain has increased and there is no work in the fields. In consequence village girls flock to the school. They are told they will get nothing for coming to school, but if they would work from 7 to 9 a. m. and 4 to 6 p. m. they would receive a pice and a half (three-fourths of one cent) a day, and they must attend school in the regular hours. So they come, this ragged, merry brigade, to clear the grounds of weeds which spring up despite drought.

GULBARGA. The saddest news from this point is the recent death of Mrs. Ernsberger, formerly Miss Mary Hughes, of our Society. It is a great affliction to the mission and an indescribable loss to the husband and children. The four Bible-women have been busy, scattering the seed in city and country, and the medical work has not only brought women to the dispensaries where they have heard the Gospel, but it has opened many homes. The Scriptures have been read to the women in Canarese, Hindustani, Hindi and Marathi.

HYDERABAD. Near to the Char Minar, a building with four high minarets that tower above other buildings, and which marks the centre of this great Mohammedan city, a girls'-school was opened in July. For three centuries since this building was erected its shadow has fallen upon the abodes where women have sat behind the purdah, in all the darkness, ignorance and cruel bondage of Mohammedanism. Generation after generation have come and gone with no higher ambition than to exist and be married. The poorer class of women go through the daily routine of toil and suffering merely to get suffi-

cient to live another day. With the more wealthy class their fate is harder than with their poorer sisters. To sit all day in a darkened room in the midst of foul and stifling air filled with disease germs and unhealthy odors, with nothing to do but chew pän, made ready by a slave girl, is the sole occupation of hundreds and thousands of these women. "We were glad," says Miss Wood, "for one open door in Ghasi Miah Ká Bazar that gave us an opportunity to teach some of the women and girls there. Then a girl who had learned to read in the first school was the means of opening another school, and these schools gave admission to the homes. The zenana party held in December, attended by about 100 women and 200 or more children, so impressed one woman that she greatly desired to have the girls of her neighborhood taught, and she began a school in her own room and implored our missionaries to take it and enlarge it. A balance from Baltimore Branch permitted this and there are thirty little girls and some women in attendance and more are coming, some of them from the Nizam's palace." Miss Wood continues: "The longest part of this long, dark night is over and we see the first rays of dawn." Miss Wood's failing health necessitates her return home, and while a hearty welcome awaits her here we shall miss from her hand the prompt, careful and clear financial statements she has been sending.

"Hyderabad," says Miss Evans, "with her walls and rock-ribbed hills, her palaces and gardens of waving palms and golden alamanders, with her rows and rows of mud huts on narrow, filthy streets where streams of humanity move to and fro like the restless waves of the sea, awaits more laborers." Miss Evans is in charge of the boarding-school and reports increase in numbers and some baptisms.

BANGALORE. Work here has been interrupted by the plague, to some extent. Blackpully was almost deserted and the school was closed for a time. It reopened with 30 students and the latest report gave 60. The Bible-woman has been greatly cheered by results of her labors among the high caste women. Another Bible-reader working among the lower classes is equally successful. Three Sunday-schools are helping to scatter the darkness.

KOLAR. Miss Fisher says: "We have reason to praise our heavenly Father for his loving care over his children, orphanage and boarding-school.

The book shows an enrollment of 98 girls in the orphanage. Two of them have died, three married and one removed to the Bangalore Leper Asylum. Nineteen girls have been received into the orphanage, fifteen of them from Christian homes. One of the four

heathen girls heard Miss Maskell and her Bible-woman tell the Gospel story in her village, and she determined to become a Christian. She ran away from home and sought admission to the orphanage, and before Miss Maskell left Kolar for her vacation she had the joy of seeing her baptized. The child's ambition is to learn quickly so as to return to her village and teach the children about Jesus. Other girls are anxiously waiting to be admitted to the orphanage, but must be refused till the new buildings and walls are up."

There are nine widows living on the mission compound, all but one able to work. Miss Fisher rejoices over the deepening of their spiritual life. She, with her assistants, are enjoying the comforts of the new William A. Gamble Deaconess Home.

Zenana Work. Miss Maskell, Superintendent. Regular visits are made by Miss Maskell and her assistant and seven Bible-women to 311 homes. Eighty-five of these are Mohammedan, 226 Hindoo. They are warmly welcomed by the women and urged to come more frequently. Many have accepted Christ. With Miss Eva Peters she cares for schools in four heathen and three Christian villages. What soul-refreshing memories must these names—Nazareth, Bethany, Elim—awaken, as in weariness they turn from contrasting sights and sounds in the heathen villages.

Work among the heathen has been most encouraging. One hundred children are enrolled on the school records, the majority regular in their attendance. Parents frequently accompany their children to the schools and manifest much interest and pleasure in what is being done for them. Miss Peters gives the following incident as the result of teaching temperance: A little girl in one of the schools was taken by her mother to the market-place and told to drink liquor. This the girl stoutly refused to do, unintimidated by threats of punishment. The mother reported to the father the girl's disobedience. He asked her why she refused, as she had always taken it. She replied that she had been taught in school that it was wrong, and she had promised never to touch it again; an answer that touched deeply the father's heart, and nothing was said about punishment.

MADRAS. It would be a vain attempt to recall all the blessings that have come to others through the dear workers in Madras. "I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing," seems to have been a promise given to Miss Stephens and her co-workers. The past year has been a very happy and prosperous one. The orphanage and the deaconess home have been completed and occupied, and are found in every way suited to the uses

for which they were designed. We would again record our indebtedness to the architect and builder, Mr. J. H. Stephens, for his skill and services, which had they not been gratuitous would have added several thousands to the cost. Before Miss Stephens could undertake the moving she felt obliged to take a few days' rest at the mountain Sanatarium. When about to step into the carriage she said to Elizabeth, who stood weeping by her side: "Your house is ready and when I return you shall go first; you shall take your Bible and it shall be the first standard for God lifted on the new place." At length the eventful day came and the procession entered the grounds singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," and over and over it welled up from grateful hearts. In the morning they sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." There was never anything like that heard in the neighborhood before, and the people wondered till they traced it to "the new town" as they call the group of buildings. While they were engaged in their first prayer and praise service there came a very heavy rainfall, accompanied by great darkness and lightning and thundering. The natives believe it to be a very happy omen when rain falls upon a newly occupied house. Be that omen true or false there can be no doubt respecting the showers of blessing the heavenly Father has in reserve for that place. The orphanage—a memorial to Mrs. Skidmore—provides for 100 orphans. The Nichodemus Home —supplied by Northwestern Branch—is being built, and over it the lovely Sooboonagam Ammal will preside, and into it she will receive other high caste women whose eyes are turned toward it even now. Sooboo loves best to work among the poor, low caste women and children, though willing to go anywhere for Jesus. The story of her life is doing much for missions and some real conversions as the result of reading it are known. Mr. Mansell has twice sent a pressing invitation for her to go to Lucknow to the "All India Epworth League Convention."

Conversions as the outcome of the preaching of Elizabeth and the teaching of the Bible-women are frequent. Four generations at one time were presented by Miss Stephens to Dr. Rudisill for baptism. No opportunity to spread the good news is lost by Miss Stephens. The latest one reported was in a railway compartment car—her fellow travelers, Hindus, Mohammedans and Parsees.

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, *Official Correspondent.*

BOMBAY CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1892.
Woman's Work Commenced, 1884.

MISSIONARIES.

Elizabeth M. Benthein,	Christina H. Lawson,	Nettie Hyde,
Elizabeth Nichols,	Anna E. Elicker,	Emma Hodge, M.D.
Charlotte J. Porter,	Katharine A. Spears,	Harriet Boss.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

Mrs. S. E. Vardon,	Mrs. Ellen Warner Fox,
Mrs. W. H. Stephens,	Mrs J. O. Denning,
Mrs. J. M. Thoburn,	Mrs. W. Bruere,
Mrs. H. Butterfield,	Mrs. F. Felt,
Mrs. T. E. Morton,	Mrs. E. F. Frease.

BOMBAY. Miss Lawson writes: "The number of girls in the school is one hundred and seventeen. One of the girls belongs to a hill tribe near Poona. She in some way wandered from home and getting among some Mohammedans ate with them. Having in this way broken her caste, her own people would not take her back and one of our native Christians took her to his home and cared for her until a few days ago when she was sent to us. She is of course very ignorant and being accustomed to a wild life is not quite happy among us yet. She manifested some interest upon being taken into the kindergarten class the other day, and we think she will soon become accustomed to her new surroundings and we hope to win her for Christ."

On a recent Sunday two were baptized on profession of faith, and four were received into full membership.

God has wonderfully preserved us from the pestilence this year, not a single case occurring among the girls, although the wife of one of our servants was attacked with the disease in the compound.

Famine now seems inevitable and already the price of grain is going up. When the girls heard of the prospect of famine they were much concerned about those not circumstanced as they are, and were found one day by Miss Thoy assembled in the school-room after school praying for rain. Especially were those rescued from the last famine interested; they said since God had taken such good care of them they felt they must pray for others.

On the door posts of the tenement next to our Charni Road day-school may be seen many red circles indicating the ravages of plague. From the school itself it has claimed some victims, but through all Rhaibai, the teacher, has stood at her post. She tells of one little Hindu girl who entered the school eight years ago at the age of seven and soon became a believer in Jesus and tried to persuade her parents to give up idol worship. She often accompanied Rhaibai in her house to house visits, herself reading and explaining the Scripture to the people. She was attacked with plague and just before her death tried to make her mother understand by signs that she wished to be baptized, but the mother either did not or would not understand; but we know it is well with her and that she is with the Savior she loved.

We have been able to secure a young woman as teacher for the Muddinpuri day-school, who is not only an excellent teacher but a devoted Christian. She has gained the confidence of the parents, the school is steadily growing in numbers and the children already show the result of their good teaching. She also gives a portion of her time to visiting the parents and teaching them the Scriptures. We feel that this school is now in a most promising condition."

Miss Nicholls writes: "Our zenana work for the past year, and in fact ever since the plague began has had its difficulties to contend with. It especially affects the Marathi side of our work; if the disease is in one vicinity the people move to another; in this way it is hard to keep track of our pupils. When there is a violent outbreak we are surprised one morning by going out and finding all our families have departed into out-stations. When this happened in the months of February and March we were led to visit the villages and segregation camps surrounding Bombay. Here we found open doors and often gathered hundreds to listen to the gospel story. As soon as the cold season commences we hope to reopen our village work. The plague does not affect our Mohammedan department. As the Mohammedan believes in fate it does not matter where he is, as he will die when his time comes.

"At the present time we have about one hundred and seventy women upon our roll besides having a Bible-woman at work among the sweeper caste.

"Much of the missionary's time is often taken in listening to tales of indescribable agony and woe. Let us take a glimpse into the life of one of the Mogul women. When quite a young girl she is married to a rich man who already has two other wives. For a little while she is allowed to live at her own mother's house, but in less

than two or three years' time, parents are gone and Agabeebe is forced to go to her husband's home. There what does she find? The first and oldest wife rules the household and Agabeebe is terribly persecuted, even being refused food sufficient for her maintenance. Her two little children, a boy and a girl, are treated very little better; at last mother and children are stricken down with a severe illness, the doctor was sent for to see the children, but Agabeebe was left, as it was supposed, to die. The boy who was the first to recover, on the quiet, began to care for his mother. The persecution was so great, that although the boy was only ten years of age, in the absence of his father he dared to plan for his mother's escape. The plan was that when the sentries and all the servants had gone to the well to bathe and take their mid-day nap, the mother and children were to slip out where a closed carriage was to be in waiting. If any one should happen to see, they were to say that they were going to the mosque, because the belief was, that if the sick went through certain ceremonies they would be healed. So Agabeebe, with her little daughter Zara, walked out of the harem and after getting into the carriage drove off. However before the railway station was reached, they had been suspected and followed. Fortunately the station master was a European, and the boy, who could speak English, begged him to take one of his mother's bracelets and let them have tickets for Bombay. He immediately took up the woman's defense and told the friends they were on English ground and in the midst of the hubbub and commotion put the three into the train. But that was not the last of it, for at almost every large station Agabeebe was waylaid by friends who had been telegraphed to. They earnestly entreated her to return, but Agabeebe had had too much already of harem life and had made up her mind never to return. After reaching Bombay they lived well by selling their jewels.

"One day one of our workers came across them. She was very much drawn to little Zara, who now is a sweet, winsome girl. Zara loved to see the missionary come and took great interest in the Word, but the mother, who was a strict Mohammedan, in finding out that she was reading the Bible, tore it in pieces and put it in the fire, and for some time the door was barred against the worker; however patience, perseverance and love conquered, and now Zara and her mother are both eager and interested listeners as the story of Jesus is told. Zara, we believe, is a true Christian, trusting the Lord Jesus only for salvation.

"This is only the story of one family out of the millions of India's suffering women. Is there no meaning in the Providence that

brought this family into contact with those who could show them the way out of darkness into the marvelous light of the gospel of Christ?

"Although it takes often patient, persevering labor to break down the superstitions and idolatry of ages past, is it not worth while, when our Lord Jesus has said it is not His will that any should perish, but that all should come to a knowledge of the Truth."

Miss Boss writes: "Miss Porter's long illness having brought extra cares upon Miss Lawson, she asked me to relieve her of the Marathi 'Women's Friend.' In our editorials we have sought to discuss such questions as would appeal to the men of the house as well as to the women, for we want to continually bear the idea that Christianity is for the home and that they all may accept Christ together.

"For the last three months I have superintended one of our Hindu Sunday-schools. I have been much stirred looking into the eager little faces as I have thought they may soon be called to be with Jesus."

BARODA. Miss Spears writes: "The school has not lost a day's session since the last inspection. Last year illness of the girls, illness of teachers, outbreak of plague in the community, and various other causes compelled the closing of the school at intervals and a consequent unsettled state. Owing to the necessity of having teachers holding government certificates we find it hard to secure the proper number of teachers; though we are working with a small force the girls are well prepared for the coming inspection. The atmosphere of the school is noticeably one of simplicity and innocence. There are few attempts at disobedience and these are frowned upon by the other girls. Especially noticeable is the change in feeling of the older girls toward the famine children of two years ago. It seemed at first that the two classes would never mingle. The spirit of love, the spirit of God, has gradually widened until each Gujarati girl has her individual friend in the other class for whom she gives up the few pice she occasionally gets so that the other may be happy. There has been no increase in the number of girls. The monsoon season is drawing to a close without having brought to this part of India the necessary rains. Large numbers of people are already suffering. Requests for us to take their children are beginning to come. Thankful for the blessings of the past year and courageous for what we think we see in the coming one, we trust in the strength of the Lord Jehovah."

Miss Fisher writes: "Baroda Circuit is very large and compara-

tively new. It is very hard to find good native workers. Those who have proved efficient in other districts, when transferred to this, find almost as much difficulty in working with the people and understanding them as do we who come from America. We have had five appointed to the work in different villages and others are in training. These women, in addition to carrying on their own studies, conduct day-schools for women and girls and visit the women in their own homes. Some of the workers go to two or three villages, others have enough work in one village to occupy their time. In the village schools the girls are taught to read and are required to learn the Lord's prayer, the commandments and the Apostle's Creed, and in other ways prepared to enter more advanced schools. The workers themselves are so anxious to learn they seem to inspire those whom they teach. One of our workers, who has been a Christian only a year, and who has been in the training-school only two sessions, has been unusually successful in school and personal work. A short time since a woman who has been under her instruction sent Miss Fisher word that she wished to become a Christian and be like Daebae, her teacher. There are some discouragements but the outlook is promising."

Medical Work. Of the medical work here, Dr. Hodge writes: "During the past year we have visited about the same number of villages as usual, inspected the work of the women workers, inoculated about five thousand people, and treated a great many at dispensary and in their homes. As plague was in almost all of the villages where we have Christians, the inoculating to prevent the disease took most of my time and strength from November until April. We lived in tents and many people came every day and we would go out to different villages in carts or by rail. Two of my assistants would be visiting other villages and holding meetings while the other one would stay with and help me in the inoculation and other medical work. This work has brought us into contact with many high caste people and government officials and brought Christianity to their notice and put our Christians on a better footing before them. We feel that God has greatly blessed the work."

JUBBULPUR. Four hundred and thirty-three girls have been in this school. On account of the famine one hundred and forty-one died, forty-three ran away, and thirty-two were taken away by friends, four have married, and the present number of girls is two hundred and eighteen. Miss Hyde has done nobly this year with the school. She writes that the work is going on well and the girls doing the

best they have ever done. The last examinations were so fine that the Inspector General called to encourage them to believe that they might have a govenment grant for their school building now under way. The present grant as the result of the good examinations of last year is $109, a large sum for that country. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Johnson's wise planning and untiring labors for the commodious dormitories and other buildings which have been secured in the last year.

Of the conditions about them Miss Hyde says: "They are so pitiable that it is heart-breaking to consider them. Such masses of people who are bowing down to idols, the very sight of which fills one with loathing that cannot be expressed. We all need to pray most earnestly that the Lord of the Harvest will send hundreds of workers into this field. If we had not our bright, happy-hearted girls here to take up our thought and time I fear the burden that rests upon our hearts would be greater than we can bear. The girls are improving steadily in every way. They are the pride of all our hearts. You would expect that out of two hundred, most of whom are from the lowest classes, and have been snatched almost from the jaws of death, there would be many dull, stupid ones, but such is not the case. They are a remarkably bright lot of girls, not one but can learn and only a few who do not learn readily. I doubt if in a school of the same number at home you would find fewer stupid girls. Do pray for plague-stricken, sin-stricken India."

Miss Haefer reports that the six Bible-women have been doing thorough work in the zenanas and Mohallas of the city. One native convert, who had been baptized, was asked if she would return to Hinduism. She said: "What has it done for me that I should return?" The women to whom they go listen attentively and many of them are convinced that the religion of Christ is the true faith, but it is hard for them to come out from their own people and confess Christ."

KHANDWA. At this important station we have a girls'-school and orphanage and training-school for Bible-women. This city is situated three hundred and fifty miles northeast of Bombay. It has a native population of 15,000 and a few European residents, mostly government officials and employes of the railways. The only missions carried on are the Roman Catholic and the Methodist Episcopal. Our work here is in charge of Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Felt. They have the care of nearly one thousand native Christians residing within a radius of sixteen miles. The mission property has been enlarged and

greatly improved during the last year, mostly by funds raised in India. The women have been studying the best they could on the Bible-woman's course and though the demands of their families prevent them from getting on very fast, the money spent on them has not been lost, as they are living examples to the people about them of what the Christian religion and a little education can do for even India's despised and degraded womanhood. Some of the wives of the native pastors are only now learning to read and when the husbands are ready for work the most of these will, at the best, be only poorly fitted for work, as the husbands have usually had better advantages to begin with.

NARSINGHPUR. Mrs. Denning has reported fully the number of houses visited and the number of hearers had by each Bible-woman under her care. Most of the work in this place is among high caste women but visits are made in a few houses where live the pottery makers. One woman, a high caste Brahmin, was eagerly learning the hymns and tunes; she said she was always fond of music, but could never listen to the music of Hindus, for although the tunes and some of the words were beautiful, yet they were so full of filthy expressions, that it was a shame to listen to them, but she continued. "For four years I have listened to these Christian songs and they are all clean and beautiful." A great many of these secluded women are secret believers and the Bible-women rejoice to carry to them the news of salvation which brings brightness and hope into their lives. At several stations in this Conference there are churches with a membership of a thousand natives. One can hardly imagine what a trying position a pastor of a church with a thousand members is placed in when these members are ignorant Hindus, with no heritage but that of idolatry, superstition and sinfulness of every kind. Many of these members are scattered in villages from three to ten miles apart. The task before such a teacher is enormous. Pastor-teachers and their wives to live in these villages and teach and influence the people is the greatest need to-day in Bombay Conference.

AHMEDABAD. Of the District Evangelistic-school, Mrs. E. F. Frease writes: "Owing to the expansion of the work in Gujarat, the presiding elder of Gujarat District was stationed at Ahmedabad at the last session of the Bombay Conference; and this involved the moving of the District Evangelistic-school to that city. Ahmedabad is the political, commercial and educational center of the province of Gujarat; has about 150,000 inhabitants, and is under direct British rule.

"The removal of the school to Ahmedabad made it necessary to

change the teacher, and Jivibai Yusaf, the wife of the teacher of the men's department, was employed. Jivibai had been head-mistress in the girls' boarding-school in Baroda, is a trained teacher and has done excellent work in her new post. The grade of the school has been considerably raised during the year; and through the growth of the work and the co-operation of the missionaries, who very highly appreciate the necessity and value of the school, we have been able to enroll a class of younger, brighter and much more interested women.

"Seventeen women have attended this year. Of these, four have been given appointments; one, Mithibai Chitta, has joined Dr. Hodge for her evangelistic work. The other three are working in different village circuits. Twelve are at present in the school.

"The progress made by most of the women is really remarkable. Some who did not know a letter when they entered the school eight months ago, are now completing the third reader standard. Some who entered a little later have commenced that standard. While the highest class, who were also admitted about eight months ago, but who had had some teaching before, have passed in part of the fourth reader standard. It is inspiring to hear these women who not very long since were idolators, read and relate Bible stories, repeat intelligently Scripture verses, and give their Christian experience and lead in prayer in the prayer meetings. They are growing in the Christian life day by day, and are realizing more and more what it means to be a follower of Christ and to become a worker for Him.

"The missionaries of the district report that the work among the women and girls is being greatly strengthened as the women from the school are sent out; and, as already stated, are co-operating heartily in the effort to select the best material for the school and reach the best results."

Of the District Workers' Monsoon-school she says: "On account of the increased number of workers the danger of withdrawing all of them from the villages at the same time, and the expense as well as difficulty of renting sufficient houses in Ahmedabad, the Workers' Monsoon-school for the district was held in two sections this year. The first section, for the less advanced workers, was in session for five weeks, and the second section, for the more advanced workers for three weeks. Fifty women in all attended, an increase of thirteen over last year. We were able to arrange for more than half of them to remain for both sessions, thus giving them eight weeks' study.

"During the first session I conducted an hour's Bible study each morning. We studied the four Gospels with the harmony. Once a

week I held a special prayer meeting for the women, and it was a source of real spiritual help to all of us.

"At the beginning of the second session I was obliged to be absent for some ten days on account of the meeting of the finance committee. During that time Miss Spears very kindly came to Ahmedabad and took charge of the school. She came again at the close of the school and conducted the examinations, the results of which on the whole, were very satisfactory.

"When this school was first started, four years ago, none of our village women could read. I remember overhearing one of the women remark at that time, 'How can a woman learn?' I, too, wondered how those poor, timid, down-trodden looking creatures could learn anything. But we went to work and did succeed in teaching them something that first year, and they have gone steadily forward from that time, proving that our village women can be successfully taught. They have not only learned from the books, but have developed all around. And this year as I looked into the bright, intelligent, expectant faces before me, and realized the great change in manner and appearance, I was very thankful we had tried to teach them; and then thought of the resulting change in their homes and the difference there would be in the lives of their children, especially the girls.

"One of our woman missionaries who was on the field when the school was started and who has just returned from a two years' furlough home, expressed her great surprise at the improved personal appearance and manners of our Christian women. Another remarked, 'What a change there is in the women in the school since I came to India.' We thank God for Christian women and Christian homes, and pray that we may be enabled to raise up in Gujarat such as will be an honor to His name and of help to His cause."

On the Ahmedabad Circuit woman's work was begun this year. There are two Bible-readers at work in the city. Jamnabai Elia, the former teacher of the Evangelistic-school, and Rachael Nathu, who was educated in the Baroda Girls' Boarding-school and afterward a teacher there. They visit five hours daily, teaching in seven different quarters each week, including the Leper Hospital for women and some of the near villages. From February to June inclusive, they made 169 visits in twenty-one different quarters. During July and August they taught in the Workers' Monsoon-school. In the houses where the women have become specially interested they teach the Life of Christ in order; in others Scriptural selections which they

think will lead the women to inquire about Christ. They also gather the children together and teach them to sing our songs and to repeat Bible verses. On Sundays they are accompanied by Jivibai with her women in the Evangelistic-school, for Sunday-school work. They go in three bands and hold Sunday-schools in different parts of the city. We hope to station other workers in some of the larger villages of the circuit before long. We have just re-engaged Hannabai, a young woman who was educated in our Baroda Girls' Boarding-school, but who married a man from another mission. Hannabai taught in the Monsoon-school, and is for a short time assisting in the Evangelistic-school, but will begin city or village work soon.

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BENGAL-BURMA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1886. Re-organized 1893.
Woman's Work Commenced in 1882.

MISSIONARIES.

*JULIA E. WISNER,	JOSEPHINE STAHL,	ELIZABETH MAXEY,
KATE A. BLAIR,	REBECCA B. DAILEY,	*EMMA L. KNOWLES,
FANNIE PERKINS,	FRANCES CRAIG,	ANNA C. KEELER,
EMMA L. LAMB,	ANNA SUDERSTROM,	MIRIAM FORSTER.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. J. E. ROBINSON,	MRS. H. JACKSON,	*MRS. W. P. BYERS,
MRS. ADA LEE,	MRS. J. P. MEIK,	MRS. J. SMITH,
MRS. J. CULSHAW,	MRS. W. F. WARNE,	MRS. HILL.

*Home on leave.

CALCUTTA. The Calcutta Girls' High-school is in a prosperous condition, and represents a large constituency, not only in Bengal, but in the surrounding provinces; the numbers have exceeded 300 during the past year, and this does not include the orphanage department, now including over forty.

God is giving us good results from this school. Both from this and from the orphanage department, our work is being strengthened for the future years, because children are receiving sound Protestant teaching.

We must save these pupils from modern heathenism, which is being built up upon the ruins of ancient superstitions. Send us good

teachers for our English-schools, and we will raise up missionaries within India itself.

The Deaconess-home was in charge of Misses Blair and Lamb until Miss Maxey returned from America in April, when, with renewed vigor, she took up her old lines of work, glad to be back with the friends who had been so much to her in the past.

For two months, while Mrs. Lee was at Darjeeling, a number of her Bengali girls stayed in the home. Miss Maxey was much pleased with these nice, bright girls, and saw in them much to hope for in work for Bengali women.

BENGAL SCHOOLS AND WOMAN'S WORK. A most interesting account of her work comes from Miss Blair. She had six Bible-women visiting in 150 homes and in hospital. Miss Blair was waiting for the doctor's permission to visit another hospital and the Bible-woman said: "If these doctors refuse and any of these patients die and go to the bad place the doctors will have to answer for it."

Miss Blair and Miss Wright visit with these Bible-women whenever they can be spared from other duties, and have no lack of interested hearers. Groups of eager women and children surround them and once when Gerebala was expounding the word, Miss Blair looked behind her and saw "six great fellows of the man-kind" quietly listening to the words of truth. Miss Blair has five day-schools with about three hundred pupils in attendance, and in each school a Sunday-school is held every Sunday morning.

Miss Wright is proving a good worker, is making rapid progress in Bengal, and her knowledge of the people is of great advantage to her work and study.

Mrs. Lee is happy in having this part of her work in the hands of these two devoted women. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mrs. Lee's Training-school, which is supplying consecrated Christian teachers and workers, whose education is above the average. Eight of these new workers were sent out in January, four of them teaching Woman's Foreign Missionary Society-schools, who are also efficient Church, League, and Sunday-school workers.

This training-school has now over a hundred girls—all doing well. A revival spirit almost constantly prevails among them. Miss Craig writes of the wonderful promise of this work. None but truly converted workers are sent out. Mrs. Lee will hail with delight the coming of Miss Moyer, who will take charge of the younger children and leave the training of the older ones to Mrs. Lee.

Mrs. Culshaw sends a good report from the school at Beg Bagan, taught by the pastor's wife, Minnie Das, who is a careful and painstaking woman, with ten years' experience as a teacher. Her assistant, Lizzie, is a good scholar and a faithful Christian worker, teaching four hours a day on a salary of $1.00 per month.

There are forty-two pupils enrolled, but absences on account of sickness are frequent and sometimes the children are kept out of school to beg for the family. These children are all Junior Epworthians and although most of them belong to Hindu homes, they all respond to roll-call with a verse of Scripture.

Regular zenana work is also done at Beg Bagen. The women in six homes visited are mothers of the children in the school.

MUZAFFERPUR ORPHANAGE. In December last the children of the Calcutta-orphanage were moved to Muzafferpur-orphanage and placed under the care of Miss Campbell. This combination gave her a family of thirty-four. The house which they were occupying seemed specially adapted for such a home, yet its sanitary condition proved most unwholesome, and in May it was condemned by the doctors, and the children were removed to a more healthful location.

God has raised up many kind friends among the European residents for these little ones, one giving his medical services without charge, another furnishing all the medicine, one lady has provided infants' food for the baby of the house, and others have given clothing, toys and plants for the garden, thereby adding to the comfort and happiness of the children, and to the possibility of the house-mother's scanty purse as well. This summer the girls have been learning embroidery and drawn work, and already orders for their work are coming in. The money accruing from these sales will all be used for the support of the orphanage. There are forty children in the home and more are expected soon, yet their limited quarters will soon be over-run and a larger house will have to be found or many little ones must be turned away.

Village Evangelistic work, under Miss Soderstrom, is winning its way to the hearts of the people.

At first the suspicion that all foreigners were inoculators caused Miss Soderstrom some annoyance. Once she and her Bible-women were surrounded by fifty threatening people. She reasoned with them to no purpose, but when she took out her hymn-book and commenced singing all the tumult was quieted and they begged her to come again. Women follow her from place to place and in many places men stop their work to listen. One woman when told that

Jesus Christ would forgive all her sins, turned her face up to heaven and said: "Can I have all my sins forgiven? Such words, such words I never heard before," and afterward kept on repeating "such words I never heard before." Miss Soderstrom has spoken these "words" to 1,450 women, as she has gone from village to village. She has a day-school under her care, and hopes to start two more out in the country.

A wail comes from Miss Downing, on account of the closing of the Hindustani schools in four villages she names, for lack of funds. The children of these places used to attend the Central Sunday-school, and the women were wont to sing the "bhajans" with the workers. Her halting English cannot fail to be understood, when she closes her statement with the question, "Are these places worth while closing?" For seventeen pitiful dollars all this work may be reopened.

BOLPUR. Mrs. Robinson writes, "that the girls' day-school is in charge of a native teacher, and numbers thirty, some of whom have recently commenced to attend. The teacher helps the Bible-woman in her work; also in a village six miles north of Bolpur there is a day-school numbering twelve and at another village, five miles east, is one with fifteen pupils. These are Hindu-schools, but by paying one dollar per month our missionaries secure the privilege of giving the scholars Christian teaching.

The pastor visits them once a week, and the Bible-women once a month. These schools are the means of opening the homes of the people, as well as of teaching Bible truths to the children.

Rebecca, the Bible-woman, is abundant in labors, going daily into the homes of the women of Bolpur and the surrounding villages and attending melas. Some widows have come seeking baptism."

ASANSOL. After her well-earned rest in this country, Mrs. Byers returned to Asansol in February, taking with her, her sister, Miss Forster, who immediately took charge of the Asansol Girls'-school, which was left without a head, by the marriage of Miss Carlson. She is greatly in love with her work, and is progressing finely with her study of Bengali. She refers to her embarrassment at the beginning, of having in charge a company of girls, who could not understand a word she said. "We could smile at each other, however," she writes, which shows that even in the most desperate case there is a common language at one's command. Owing to sickness, which had prevailed the year before, Mrs. Byers found that many of the parents were afraid to return their girls to the school. A thorough cleaning of the premises and the good health of the school this year

has, in a measure, restored the confidence of the parents, and the school now promises to reach its former attendance of sixty girls. A little foundling, Dukhi, is the last girl to be enrolled. This three-months'-old baby had a warm reception from the older girls of the school.

The Industrial department of this school goes far toward making it self-supporting. They are doing well in their studies and are receiving religious training in their league. None but orphans or children of the poor native Christians are taken into this school. Like all of our missionaries, Miss Forster is overwhelmed with the magnitude of the work to be done and says "there are so 'many people' and so few workers."

As to evangelistic work, when Mrs. Byers returned to Asansol she found Miss Biswas was completely broken down, so that it was necessary to give her a six months' rest. Mrs. Byers has had charge of evangelistic work. She visits the villages all about and rejoices that in the midst of the half million of souls in her husband's district there is a little band of Christian women. Some of those give proof of their sincerity by walking sixteen miles to church.

Ellen is still making a success of her bakery and clears $100 a year by the sale of her American cakes to the railway employees. She can neither read nor write, but is a true Christian and is doing royal service for her King. Mrs. Byers also visits the women of the Leper asylum, nearly all of whom are Christians. She says: "There is much to try one in all this work, but in spite of all there is no work like it."

PAKUR GIRLS'-SCHOOL. Miss Meik reports steady progress in the development of the Pakur girls, both mentally and spiritually. Most of the girls were promoted to higher classes at their annual examination. Their changed lives gave assurance that they are true Christians. Some who have been very troublesome and almost hopeless have been marvelously changed by Divine grace. Several of the girls who came into the home two years ago, raw, untaught, unruly children, are now quite respectable members of the school and give promise of future usefulness. Three of the older girls are pupil-teachers and are developing into helpful, reliable women.

The Widows' Home is a place of refuge for friendless women and is maintained at great inconvenience, as they have no building of their own, but are crowded into the girls'-school.

These women are regularly employed, and work hard, yet find

time each day to add to their little store of knowledge. They already show marked signs of improvement and some of them will in a year or two be able to carry the glad message of a Saviour's love to the dark homes about them.

Miss Jacobson is giving her best to the village work. With the help of one Bible-woman she visits six villages and while at first she found herself an unwelcomed visitor, her unwearied effort, with God's blessing, has not only opened the doors of these stolid, indifferent women, but the doors of their hearts also, and the "entrance of God's word that giveth light," has shone into these dark minds, and shines "out" in these faces, to the joy of those who bore the message. When they cannot have the presence of the missionary they substitute their own simple-hearted form of worship.

On Christmas day, when the women stayed at home to guard their small possessions, while their husbands were gone to church in another village, they gathered into Zeerono Mothers'-house and sang hymns and repeated the Lord's prayer and the Ten Commandments. They said "we could not read or preach, so we did the best we could." Many of the women of that circuit are Santals, whose language Miss Jacobson does not understand, but one of Miss Meik's widows is a Santal and she will no doubt in time, be prepared to work among her people.

DARJEELING. When Miss Knowles left India in the early spring, her precious school at Darjeeling was placed in the hands of Miss Stahl, who has found with all the advantages of that salubrious mountain retreat enough work to tax brain and nerves to the utmost, and closes each day with the regret that she has not been able to do more for the forty girls entrusted to her care.

The regular work of the school continues the same. In February one girl passed the matriculation examination of Calcutta University at the head of the list of girls'-schools. The girls have a Christian Endeavor Society, meeting once a week, and hold a little prayer-meeting daily at the close of the lessons. They have also a "quiet hour" each morning, for the study of God's word and prayer.

Thus far our Calcutta school stands at the head of all other girls'-schools in Bengal in the examinations, the three girls from that school being the only ones that passed in the first division.

Since writing the above report of the school, Arcadia, Darjeeling, a very sad account of its partial destruction and the loss of nine of its pupils has been received.

Heavier rains than usual had deluged the hillsides; and simulta-

neously shocks of earthquake made it almost impossible for the teachers to get the children up the hill. All were saved, except nine.

This account came to the Executive Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, while in session at Cleveland, and just before it was read a cablegram was received from Miss Stahl: "Arcadia continues. Help," and an answer was sent that the aid would be provided.

The sympathy of the entire convention was tenderly expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Lee, who lost their six children, and by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, the estimate of $20,000 for a property for the Darjeeling-school be considered in the Twentieth Century Thank Offering Trust.

RANGOON GIRLS'-SCHOOL. Mrs. Hill continued in charge of the school at the opening of the year and bravely and successfully "held the fort" until November, when Miss Turrell from England arrived and entered with zeal and enthusiasm upon the work to which she believed herself Divinely called. She freely gives herself to the work without pecuniary remuneration. Six weeks after her arrival she was stricken down and for many weeks was seriously ill.

The arrival from America of Misses Files and Illingworth at this time was Providential, as one was returning to the field of her former labors and the other, her old school home, and the land of her nativity. The coming of these well-equipped women made it possible for Miss Keeler to return home for rest, after six years of successful work. She brings with her the loving appreciation of her fellow workers. The first of May Miss Turrell was able to resume work as superintendent. The school is thoroughly organized and is doing excellent work. Special mention should be made of the kindergarten department. Its efficiency is a credit to Miss Wisner, who trained these teachers for their work. There are 229 pupils in the school. One hundred and twenty-seven girls passed the last examination. All the girl-boarders are members of the Epworth League. An element of home-likeness pervades the school, and the utmost harmony prevails.

THANDAUNG. The busy family at Thandaung have found no increase of labor but have had an added burden instead, on account of the inspector deferring his visit from January to March, thereby depriving the teachers of their vacation, and the sewing and other work usually done in vacation had to be done along with the school-work. All have been blessed with good health and everything is encouraging.

On Christmas day thirteen probationers' children of the home were received into full membership, and nine were received on probation. Five children were already members. It was a day of great joy to all the household.

Miss Perkins says that they are seeking to live as God wants them to live. Twenty-three were presented for the All India Sunday-school examinations. Twenty-two passed, and one, a Pacific Branch girl, took the only prize for English won in Burma.

In the school examination all the Thaudaung children passed except three. March 17th, the Lieutenant-Governor visited the school and looked over the whole house. He was much pleased and wrote a very good report in the visitor's book. He also arranged for some important improvements, among which is the repair of the road from Toungoo to the foot of the mountains, which will make the trip to the railroad station at Toungoo much easier.

The Circuit House has been rebuilt, and was occupied this summer by the official families. Two of them were very pleasant and showed their sympathy with our work in many ways. Miss Turrell, Miss Files and Miss Illingworth visited Miss Perkins, and three Baptist families spent the season in Bamboo houses, thus forming a little community, so that an audience of fifty or sixty gathered to hear Bishop Thoburn's lecture on Manila, the first lecture in Thandaung. The household work moves along nicely, the visitors declaring that the girl's cooking is the best they have had in Burma.

A good supply of tubs and wringers has improved the washing facilities, yet the drying of a washing for thirty-five persons by stoves, during the rains, has not done away with the idea that a laundry is needed.

The baking for this large family is still being done in an oven 18 x 23 inches. Miss Perkins has spent eight years in Burma and must soon have a rest. Some one "must" be sent to Thaudaung.

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MRS. PHEBE PIERCE, L. GUNATILIKA, EDITH NORRIS.

Penang.

MISSIONARY.

CLARA MARTIN.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. DR. WEST, MRS. G. P. PYKETT.

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SINGAPORE. Twelve years ago Miss Sophia Blackmore of Australia, was sent to open work for women in this needy field. One year ago we had two missionaries there with work enough for six and one of these breaking from overwork. In this critical condition we were able to send only one new worker.

Miss Edith Hemingway reached the field early in the year, and besides studying the language has had charge of all the work in Teluk Ayer, the rich Chinese quarter, where she has a day-school with sixty pupils, eleven home-schools, and superintends the work of a Bible-woman, who has seventy homes that she visits regularly. She has also taken charge of two street Sunday-schools.

Miss Lilly has continued her work in the Methodist Girls'-school with 150 girls under her care. The school has filled the present building to overflowing and she has had to secure another for about sixty of her pupils, in the kindergarten and primary classes. We are glad to report that through the excellent management of our missionaries there this building has been sold, a most desirable location for a new one paid for, a portion of the money needed for the building collected by personal solicitation from the people and $3,500.00 (silver) given by the government. The work on its walls is progressing and ere the year closes we expect to occupy it.

Miss Lilly has also had all the Sunday-schools in Teluk Ayer in her care. Our force in this field represents three missionaries, two assistants, two Bible-women, sixty-six girls in the Deaconess'-home, ten schools in the homes with sixty-one pupils, two day-schools, 110 pupils, 221 zenanas visited with fifty under regular instruction. Property valued at $40,000.00.

When Miss Blackmore started for America in February, Mrs. C. S. Buchanan accepted the charge of the Deaconess' Home, and though far from strong has carried this great responsibility with much acceptability. There have been sixty-six girls in the home. Fifteen new ones have been admitted, one has gone out to help found a Christian home and another will soon go. All attend the Methodist Girls'-school, or the kindergarten under Miss Gunatilika's wise supervision.

Mrs. Shellabear, besides serving as Treasurer for this Conference, has done much work in different ways, as is shown by her report. She says: "The two Bible-women, Miss Norris and Lim Neo, have been under my charge since Miss Blackmore's return home. Miss Norris has visited weekly thirty-two homes. She teaches twenty-five women and girls to read, write and to do simple arithmetic. The women are delighted when they make even a little progress. It is touching to see a woman with a child in her arms and one or two others clinging to her skirts go and take down a slate from a nail in the wall and proudly bring it to Miss Norris to look at, approve or correct. The woman is delighted when the teacher approves the work, and makes suggestions which will insure better work next time. A new lesson is given and then the woman sits down and listens to a Bible story and sings a Malay hymn with her teacher, after which Miss Norris goes to another home. I have thought of the patience which is needed for this work, as I have gone here and there with this dear worker, sometimes into evil smelling places, then again into places where the heat seems simply unbearable.

A picture of one of these latter comes to my mind. A woman, whose husband was a blacksmith, has carried on his work since his death and thus supports herself and daughter. The blacksmith's shop is on the ground floor, and the widow and her daughter live above it. The intense heat of the shop together with the heat of tropical Singapore seems almost unbearable. Yet the mother and daughter live there and direct the coolies in the work, and Miss Norris goes regularly to teach them. It is a privilege to talk with them because they belong to Jesus and are so thankful to have Miss Norris visit them

weekly. Miss Norris visits several widow women, for they are the most accessible and freest to come to Christ."

Miss Norris has two Sunday-schools under her care. She meets about thirty women and children weekly in each of these. About sixty people listen to a Bible story weekly. We know not who of these may be led to Christ, but we do know that "His word shall not return unto Him void but shall accomplish that whereunto it is sent."

Lim Neo, a Chinese woman, visits about thirty homes weekly and is faithful in telling the stories about Christ to the women and children. She is a regular attendant at the church and Sunday-school and is trying to gather in enough of children from the street to form a class for herself to teach in our Malay Sunday-school.

My own work has been doing a little of everything, caring for sick children in my own home, visiting the women when possible, going with Miss Norris to Sunday-school, and teaching a class of women in the Malay Sunday-school. I have also prepared the Sunday-school lessons in Romanized Malay. My class in the Malay Sunday-school consists of the Christian women of the Malay Church. They meet together in my home to consult about plans by which they might be able to help buy the church in which we worship. After praying about the matter each person decided to give a certain amount monthly for a year and also interest friends and collect money from outsiders.

Nonya Lin Neo, the first woman baptized in our Deaconess'-home, put aside all her fears, and went out to collect money from the Chinese. She has been blessed in her work, and has collected about forty dollars. Last month we were able to give to our pastor, Dr. Luering, two hundred dollars, as the first fruit of this effort The women say: "The Lord has the money somewhere for a Malay Church in Singapore, and daily we will talk to him about it and he will tell us how to get the money."

Our hearts were gladdened last week, because a Chinese woman who has been taught for years by different missionaries, decided to be baptized.

The six children who have been in our home during the year have gone to the Deaconess'-home, and are now under Mrs. Buchanan's care.

Mrs. Bishop Cranston's visit, though short, delighted us all. Her words and counsel were appreciated and we hope she may come this way again.

The house for the native girls is nearing completion and the foundation of the Methodist Girls'-school is laid, so we can heartily say, "Praise the Lord."

PENANG. The mission to the women in this large and important city, was not begun by us. It grew. The needy condition of the girls and women so appealed to the already over-taxed wife of the missionary there, that almost ere she knew it, she began breaking the Bread of Life to them, and found a school on her hands needing the whole time of a missionary. Year after year appeals were sent to us to furnish one, but other fields also ripe for the harvest were calling loudly for reapers and there were so few to go, that none could be spared for Penang.

Finally the other missionaries in Malaysia offered to pay from their meagre support, two-thirds of the salary for five years for a deaconess if only one could be sent at once, and Miss Clara Martin went in response to this call. In two years she has accomplished much toward mastering the Chinese and Malay languages, and finds her hands so full we feel she needs reinforcements. As yet we own no buildings at all here, and Miss Martin had to move her school just before the examination. She has to pay about $600 a year rent for the native house into which she gathers her day-school and her boarding-school, and lives herself. She says: "There are now fifty-three girls in the Anglo-Chinese day-school, about thirty of whom will be ready to take the government examination. A change has been made in the Friday Sunday-school, and it is now modeled on the plan of our Sunday-schools, with opening and closing exercises. I drill the older classes on questions and answers, which they afterwards recite before the whole school."

Her Chinese vernacular school is taught by the Chinese pastor's wife, a most zealous Christian, who is doing good work and has one woman under training for Bible-work. Mrs. West has had charge of the Chinese Sunday-school with this woman as assistant. Of her English Sunday-school class, Miss Martin says eleven took the India Sunday-school examination, the most of them passing it.

The Boarding-school now numbers eight girls, one of whom has been there eight months, and has this year been assisting in many ways.

TAMIL WORK. Mrs. Pykett, in charge of the Tamil work, has now a boarding-school started. She has also been doing evangelistic work among the women of that nationality, as she has a good command of that language. In her visits to these, she has been enabled to rescue three young women, whom she has taken for refuge to her own home. There are others whom she could reach and save had she a place to put them, and one of the missionaries sends an earnest

plea for us to help her to save these perishing ones, by furnishing the means to build a rescue home.

KUALA LUMPUR. This is an important city in one of the native states upon the peninsula, a strategic point entered by Bishop Thoburn, some two years ago, and an urgent plea sent for us to take up the work for women. Now there comes to us a most wonderful opportunity to go in and possess the land.

Dr. Kensett, the missionary there, writes: "The government has asked us to take over the Government Girls'-school. They give us the use of the school property consisting of a large school building capable of accommodating 150 girls, the grounds, the teachers' bungalow, all of which is worth not less than $15,000.00 or ($7,500 gold.) Also a grant of $75.00 (silver) a month for one year from the date of our taking it over, after which it becomes a Grant-in-aid-school. We, on our part, must put a missionary in charge."

The Roman Catholics are working hard to get the school and the doctor fears they will succeed, if we do not take advantage at once of this splendid opportunity. There are at present thirty-five scholars in the school, Chinese, Tamil and Eurasian.

An equally important opening came to us at Taiping. The government showing its confidence in our work by making us a similar offer there. Bishop Thoburn felt it so desirable that we seized the opportunity, sent Mrs. Mary Carr Curtis at once to hold the place for us until we can send a deaconess.

Who will respond to these calls?

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*Home on leave,

Miss Jewell is in charge of the Foochow Woman's-school. The date for reopening the school was delayed beyond the usual time that the new school building might be ready for occupancy and was fixed upon for the fifteenth of the eighth moon—September 30th. The great autumnal festival occurred on said date and not a scholar appeared, though the matron and the cook did. As neither school-house nor home were finished non-arrival of students was a comfort. A few straggled in, however, and temporary accommodations were provided, using chapel for school-room and two rooms above it as bed-rooms. New scholars were told to wait until the moving and Saturday, October 15th, that happy event took place, and school and home were settled in short order. Five happy missionaries gave the "house-warming," taking supper—the first meal in the home together. The enrollment was thirty—a pretty good stretching for an appropriation for fifteen. Of the new students three paid for board $1.25 per month,

three $1.00 and one 50 cents per month. By conference time Miss Jewell was able to report on self-support Mexicans $15.36 and for the term $34.76. She says: "We had our Sunday services at the church, class-meeting at school Sunday afternoon, house-to-house visiting Saturday afternoon. The most interesting meeting was on Sunday afternoon; many of the testimonies were so earnest. Nice boxes from home helped to a happy Christmas, but the 'more blessedness' came through giving." Ten dollars was allowed for their Christmas dinner—not very much for a whole school, says Miss Jewell, and they were to decide whether they would spend it all on themselves or contribute a part to the old cook who had seen much sorrow through the year, and if so, what part. They gave him *one-half*, and recipient and givers were equally happy. Three women finished the prescribed course and left the school. Thirty-three enrolled at the spring term, making total for the year of forty-six, and nearly $55.00 paid toward self-support. But best of all has been the broadening of knowledge, the strengthening of faith, the deeper trust.

Miss Bonafield is the Superintendent of the *Girls' Boarding-school.* Many have been the burdens that have been laid upon this consecrated spirit during the year. The absence of Miss Wilkinson, her associate; the ill-health of the matron, compelling her to give up work, the care and supervision of building added to ordinary cares and responsibilities would have appalled a heart less ignorant than her's of the disposition of burdens.

Amid it all she has kept the same bright, even, trustful spirit for which she is noted, and the promise, "As thy day so shall thy strength be" has been verified to her. In February, taking a vacation trip to Ming-chiang, she walked the last day twenty miles, accompanied by a Bible-woman, and made the woods ring with songs of praise.

The school has been much crowded and applicants turned away till the superintendent's heart grew sick. Ninety-five girls have been placed on scholarships, and Miss Bonafield says, "Were we not restricting our numbers to those who can pass an examination in the first two years of the course; did we take them in as we did in the olden days we could have thousands."

I insert an extract from a translation of an article on the Foochow Girls' Boarding-school as printed in the Fuhkien Church Gazette:

'Said an old native preacher who was listening to the examinations: 'According to this our girls ought to eat the rice grains and our boys the rice water.'

A few have been entered as self-supporting students. Little ones

have been taken into the kindergarten. Said one mother: "You know the Chinese teachers whip the children when they cannot recite, and my boy is so little to be whipped. Won't you take him?" So the bars were let down and the little tots entered as day pupils. Latest report sixty-six were in the primary and kindergarten. Miss Allen had charge of this department, called by the native pastor, "The Children's Happy Garden." The sixty-six little ones made the total enrollment for the school 166. A happy surprise was given the band of missionaries assembled for their finance meeting. It was the news that Mrs. Tippett and Miss Parkinson had been appointed to Foochow and would accompany Miss Wilkinson on her return. Over and over they sang the doxology while tears rolled over their cheeks. Great regret is expressed at the proposed transfer of Miss Longstreet, who had had charge of the day-schools, to West China Orphanage. August 4th and 5th, Foochow was visited with the worst typhoon in its history, and it will require hundreds of dollars to repair damages.

Miss Allen was appointed to the responsible position of superintendent of the *Mary E. Crook Memorial Orphanage* in November. Thirty-five children were in the orphanage when the latest report was written. Site for the new building has been purchased and inclosed and better still, a lady will be sent out by Des Moines Branch to have permanent care of the work.

The *Medical Work* grows. In consequence of Dr. Lyon's protracted illness I have received from her but one brief report, written in April; a fact which she doubtless, as well as myself greatly regrets. She said: "Our work goes on about the same and our numbers still increase. First quarter of last year we had 146 in-patients, this year 216. Twenty-six have become Christians and two have been baptized since Conference. Miss Wells is with me now and is at work in the hospital as she gets time. Mrs. Lee, the hospital Bible-woman, is preaching to the women in the dispensaries and to the ward patients as well as following the patients to their homes."

Dr. Masters, who had charge of the city hospital, has been spending the year at home, and Dr. Hu King Eng has had charge; appointed thereto at the last Conference. By advice of the bishop, she spent a month in Amoy that she might fully recover from her long and serious illness, and she praises her heavenly Father for his constant care and guidance during the past seven months. The hospital was built to accommodate only forty in-patients; height of ceiling in basement six feet, upper story eleven feet, and the entire building surrounded with high walls to the roof. On account of the terrific heat

it was impossible for her to remain there during the summer, neither could she make, through the long, narrow streets reeking with vile odors, the tri-weekly trips she had planned to make. So the middle of July the hospital was closed. This gave an opportunity to make the needed repairs and cleansing. Without a regular assistant she has had the help of two medical students. The patients appreciate the care that is given them and say: "Truly no parent of ours would be so good and patient and treat us with such care when we are so filthy and foul." A new irregular fever, with clinical thermometer rising to 106 and 107, and then dropping to ninety-five within an hour or two has had many victims, though none have died. Dr. Kinnear, of the American Board Mission, has been most kind and operations witnessed in his hospital have been most helpful. Morning prayers being neglected by some patients able to attend, a new rule was formulated. "All able to be out of bed must come when the first bell is rung; if not, no treatment or medicine would be given that day," the doctor says. The work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of our patients is wonderful. She says: "It is one of God's good providences that gave us Mrs. Plumb as our hospital evangelist. The heathen patients call her Mrs. Mathew V. 10. This name means much. It stands for love, patience and skill. The results of the evangelistic work, instruction given by Mrs. Plumb and native Christian women; preaching by native pastor, is very encouraging. Number of hearers 10,571. More than twenty have been baptized, thirty taken in as probationers and fifteen into full membership. She gives most interesting incidents of conversions. Fees received during the six months $147.99. Donations $198. Dispensary patients 1,637. Hospital in-patients, 328. Patients seen at visits 425. Prescriptions written and filled 2,095. Attendants of the hospital patients 704.

Miss Wells, under date of August 18th, reports Island Hospital seventy in-patients. Majority came from heathen homes to hear for the first time in the hospital that there is a Saviour. So dull and clouded are their minds that with many it is a slow process to give them any conception of the truth. "Often," says Miss Wells, "I will sit in the ward an hour or more just answering questions. Many when healed regret to leave the place where they have been so blessed. A blind Bible-woman teaches all who care to study. I have a daily service and then have the women repeat what they have learned each day and I give a card to each one who can read a verse. We had one girl who was called 'Weeping,' because she cried by the hour; now she is called 'Finished Weeping.'"

MING-CHANG. Miss Peters, writing of the *Woman's-school,* says: "The women in the school have done well the past year and have passed fine examinations. They have had good advantages for study and been greatly interested in arithmetic, which was introduced into the school last February. At close of the spring term seven of the women were appointed to Bible-women's work. The school matron, Miss Peters' personal teacher, and a day-school teacher were also engaged in the same work during the summer. This makes seventeen women thus employed in the district. To educate our girls is a growing sentiment, and rather than have it neglected some parents are willing to send their girls to boys'-schools. Miss Peters, with her helper, has visited the different stations throughout the district and preached to the women. All over the district the people are anxious to hear about Jesus."

Of the *Medical Work,* Dr. Carleton says: "Expecting to make my report in person I have packed my books and can give only an imperfect report. I have for weeks been waiting for permission to return. The last of December, returning from Conference, I put out no poster, as had formerly been my practice. I did this for two reasons. The people knew me and where I was to be found, and I wished to place the responsibility of their coming or not coming entirely upon themselves. Injurious stories circulated the previous year (removing eyes and other organs from the body to convert into medicine) were not quite dead and they were reaching other parts of the province. Then again my poor rooms were so situated as to place the inmates of them at the mercy of the landlord's family. However, after the China New Year patients began to come and the little place was kept full." When itinerating Dr, Carleton arranged to spend Sundays at the places where she was dispensing and this gave opportunities to teach women and children—both heathen and Christian. Attendance always good; pastors and Christian teachers according all possible help. The Bible-woman had the smallest of bound feet, the bones being crushed in the process, and in delicate health she was not very satisfactory. A small, industrial class for girls was organized. They came at nine in the morning, studied for two hours, then for an hour were taught to knit and crochet during four months. They learned to read and commit the ten commandments, the Lord's prayer, the Creed and part of the Catechism.

KUCHENG. Miss Hartford was put in charge of Kucheng Girls'-school, Kucheng Day-schools and Iong Bing Woman's-school.

Miss Rouse gave over the girls'-school the day before Christmas, as she left Kucheng ten days later, but not till she had the pleasure of seeing the first class graduate from the school. It was a class of five fine girls, and an honor to the school and to Miss Rouse. When Miss Hartford took the school it was in the hospital and there were clinics every day in the dispensary; so men were everywhere. It was hard work to change at end of term and she felt the sooner school was closed the better, and she closed it in three weeks. May 25th it was reopened with seventy-two pupils, seventeen of them new ones. She intended to keep school open all summer, but in June there was a riot in Gung Nuig Hu and ten days later a riot in Iong Bing City, and Miss Hartford was ordered to Foochow, and the school which had been opened only five weeks, was closed again.

The *Day-schools* are twenty-two in number; only one of them in a new place; the teacher a graduate from the Woman's-school. Two years before this school was opened Miss Hartford visited the place and said she never saw such degradation; after only a few months of the little teacher's work the change was marvelous.

Of the *Bible-women*, Miss Linam says: "After Conference last year five women were sent out from the Woman's-school ,to teach day-schools, and two to do Bible-women's work. Each afternoon they have gone out by twos to tell the blessed story, and Sunday afternoons they go into strictly heathen homes. The Lord has wonderfully blessed them and their work; many have accepted Christ. Excellent work has been done by the Hospital Bible-woman. Sixteen Bible-women have gone long distances through heat and cold and storm to tell other women what a dear Saviour they have found. There are over 100 members in the district of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and out of their poverty they contribute liberally and gladly.

Of the Romanized schools it is found that using the Romanized instead of the Chinese characters the women learn to read very well in four months.

IONG-BING WOMAN'S-SCHOOL. The riot affected the school, but eight women passed fine examinations.

The *Day-schools* are five in number; three of them in new places. In two of these places no preacher has ever been stationed. There are a few Christian men but no Christian women, consequently the attendance has been small.

Of the *Bible-women* four are living evangels among the many women starving for the word of truth. Allowing themselves scarcely

time to eat they go from morn till night. Said one: "I preached so much last week and so loud that I made myself so hoarse I could not give my testimony Sunday in the love-feast, but everybody knew I was happy."

HOK-CHIANG AND HAI-TANG DISTRICTS. Miss Trimble in charge. This statement alone would render unnecessary any apology from Miss Trimble to her official correspondent for delayed reports. Miss Wilkinson's absence from Foochow made it necessary to loan Miss Allen to the over-burdened workers there and that left Miss Trimble alone. Key note of praise is found in the revival meetings which wrought mighty changes in the hearts and lives of the women and girls. Testimonies given by them and transmitted to us have made our hearts sing for joy. Women unbound their feet, shunning even the appearance of evil, and women and girls testified that they had learned that Christ could save and keep saved. Christmas, even though no boxes from home had been sent, was a happy day. Girls learned the joy of giving. Another marked day was the one when five women finished their course in the Woman's-school; four of them appointed to Bible-women's work and one as day-school teacher. Fourteen Bible-women—a larger number than ever before—have been at work. "Fourteen," says Miss Trimble, "where we should have at least one hundred." She says day-schools are far below our ideal. It is impossible for even two such devoted women as Misses Trimble and Allen to give to these two great districts the supervision they need.

E. B. Stevens, *Official Correspondent.*

HING-HUA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1896.

MISSIONARIES.

Minnie E. Wilson, Martha Lebeus, Althea M. Todd,
Elizabeth W. Varney.

Our work in Hing-hua Conference has suffered for lack of workers. The force, which was all too small one year ago, was diminished by the transfer of Miss Wells to Foochow, and no reinforcements have been received during the year.

There are four districts in the Conference, with about 6,000 church members and probationers, to which might be added many more who are open to receive the truth. In each of these districts is a large field for evangelistic work, but the four representatives of our Society are insufficient even to properly equip the three Woman's Training-schools and two Girls' Boarding-schools, and a third is waiting for some one to open it.

One of the missionaries writes concerning the five new workers asked for by the Conference: "Every one is needed now, not to enter new fields, not to push open doors, not with a future prospect of opportunities for work, but present needs, fields entered and a ripe harvest parching ungarnered, open doors filled with beckoning hands, opportunities for soul-saving work that are passing us daily, fairly laden with waiting for help which we give not."

Another writes: "The Bible-women grow discouraged when there is no one to visit and help them, day-schools languish and die for lack of regular attention, women whose hearts are turned toward God drift back into heathen blackness because there are none to instruct them in the way of salvation. Calls come from every side, 'Do visit us soon,' 'Do come for a day or two and help our women,' until I am heart sick over the impossibility of attending to the work here and there too."

HING-HUA. Miss Wilson has introduced into the Hamilton Girls' Boarding-school a new industry on a small scale, that of cloth weaving. Expenses have been met through sale of the cloth and it is expected that more will be accomplished hereafter. The girls who work in the sewing or weaving department study four and a half hours a day and work three and a half. Miss Varney has had the usual number of women—twenty—in the Bible Training-class in Juliet Turner Memorial-school.

SIENG-IU. Miss Lebeus has been working alone in the Training-school and supervising the Bible-women in thirty-five villages of the district.

ING CHUNG. Miss Todd is the only English speaking person in the entire district which requires four days to travel from side to side. In addition to other duties connected with her two schools and her Bible-women, Miss Todd, although not a physician, prescribes daily for as many as ten patients on an average. These all hear the Gospel before the medicine is granted. Although alone, she is very happy in her work. In a letter written after one of her evangelistic trips,

she says: "Pray for us much. We don't know what may take place in China. Only three miles from where I staid the other day five hundred rebels are living. God is very patient with me, for I am a great coward, but with Him I have no fear."

Our Heavenly Father is indeed the strength of the workers, but alas that the Church should allow her daughters to stand single-handed in the midst of the degradation of heathenism! Three of our missionaries in this Conference have offered to assist in the expense of bringing others to their relief.

The estimate for five missionaries is small compared with the work in hand. There is cause for gratitude that one is promised and will soon be on her way. Miss Nicholaisen, who will reinforce Miss Lebeus at Sieng-iu, is to be sent out and supported by the German constituency of Minneapolis Branch. Our German friends are taking a pretty good hand in the conflict against the powers of darkness in this region, since Miss Lebeus also is their representative, and further, through a letter of hers published in a German paper a gift of $1,000 has recently been received for the erection of a building for her training-school. No field in the world is more needy nor more promising for earnest Christian effort.

MRS. A. N. FISHER, *Official Correspondent.*

NORTH CHINA.

Conference Organized in 1893.
Woman's Work Organized in 1871.

MISSIONARIES.

EDNA G. TERRY, M. D.
RACHEL R. BENN, M. D.
MRS. C. M. JEWELL,
ANNA E. STEERE,
FRANCES O. WILSON,
ANNA D. GLOSS, M. D.
ELLA E. GLOVER,
EFFIE G. YOUNG,
GERTRUDE GILMAN,
IDA M. STEVENSON, M. D.
MRS. M. L. BARROWS, M. D.
MIRANDA CROUCHER,
*CELIA M. FREY,
MARY E. SHOCKLEY.

MISSIONARIES' WIVES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. F. D. GAMEWELL, MRS. N. S. HOPKINS, MRS. E. H. HOBART,
MRS. G. R. DAVIS, MRS. F. W. VERITY.

*Home on leave.

PEKING. Our work has gone quietly and steadily forward in nearly every department, undisturbed in the midst of the governmental upheavals which made very insecure and perilous the Emperor's

throne, as well as the heads of some of the officials. The only interference to our school work in Peking was on the day for the return of the girls from the summer vacation, when the trains were stopped for one day, while search was being made for the reformer, Kang Yü Wei, who was escaping to save his head from the Empress Dowager's axe. During the brief delay they were treated with rumors that the gates of Peking were shut, allowing no one to go *in* or *out*, and that all the buildings were burned. Then they bemoaned their loss; their friends might all be dead; they would never be able to go to school again. But the next morning they awoke to find all the stories contradicted and the train in readiness, on time, to take them to Peking.

School opened with an enrollment of one hundred and thirty-eight pupils; eight have been added since, making the largest number the school has ever had on its register at one time.

Five girls have gone out of the school since its opening, in the fall. One dear little Christian girl in the Primary department died. Three from the same department and one from the Intermediate were discontinued, and one, the wife of a young Chinaman who has just completed his studies at Delaware, Ohio, had, on account of delicate health, to drop the High-school work. She then went to assist Mrs. Gamewell in the Training-school, and has done effective work there. Three new teachers have been employed in teaching Chinese characters and classics chiefly. The young woman who had the class in organ-practice did good work and her pupils made fine progress. Her self-forgetfulness and constant devotion to the highest interests of her pupils has made her invaluable to the school. One of the girls who is nearly through the course of study has taught one class a part of the year. That each department of the school has been under the special care of one of the missionaries has been a very great advantage, but the absence of Miss Young for the present year will make a great vacancy. As soon as the excitement of the fall had subsided, the girls began their reading and talking with the patients in the hospital. They have also sustained a daily prayer meeting which has had a precious influence over the entire school. Forty or fifty of the girls have taught all the year in the heathen Sunday-school. One of the girls has just married and gone out as the bride of a young minister and is very happy. Mrs. Jewell says some are asking, "What effect did the gift of the Bible have on affairs in the palace, or among the officials?" No one can answer this question. Certain it is that the Bible and many other Christian books have found their way into the palace and Christianity has been a subject of general inquiry there. Even though the Empress Dowager never turns toward the good source and does her utmost to keep back the new

light that is breaking on her Empire, her feeble barricades are all inadequate. The sun is breaking forth all around them and lighting the hearts of a great company of the coming men and women of the land. God knows how to solve China's problem better than we do, and we will not get under a juniper tree when our plans are frustrated.

The Training-school has made steady progress since its opening by Miss Cushman in 1889, not indicated by the number of pupils enrolled each year, but by the character of the work accomplished. In some respects the last year has been the best of all. Good, faithful work is done by the pupils. One of them has charge of a church class in which all the women of the church are enrolled as members, and has great skill in giving them instruction. Every fourth Saturday is the missionary meeting. The membership fee is less than at home, yet its purchasing value is about the same. Most of the stations in the country have been visited by these women, during the spring months, and some of these will continue this work during the summer.

The Tartar Day-school was but little affected by the confusion of the government in the fall. The teacher has improved greatly, is always happy and sweet-tempered. The Chinese City Day school has had a hard year as it is located very near the execution grounds. The average attendance is only eight pupils, but they have done good work and are committing Matthew's gospel to memory.

When the hospital was opened in September after the vacation, there was every reason to expect a good year's work, as Dr. Gloss was making professional calls all over the city and the dispensary was crowded with women and children, but in a few weeks all this was changed. The rapid current of events in the palace, the death or banishment of so many of China's progressive and leading men, made the people so afraid of all complications with foreigners that the dispensary patients dropped at once to a mere handful of women. No one would think for a moment of remaining in the hospital for treatment, for, according to report, nearly every day was set for a general massacre of foreigners. For months the visits of patients in their homes were confined to the very poor of the immediate neighborhood. Not only the hospital, but all work that depended upon the heathen population for patronage suffered. In this country where there are so few newspapers and no sense of truth, the rumors increase in fearfulness as they spread until they fill the minds of the credulous Chinese with perfect terror. The children were afraid to go to Sunday-school lest they should be seized and carried off to prison if found at a foreign service. The native Christians did not know just what to fear, but they did realize that whenever the foreigners were in real danger they must also suffer. As

month after month passed and the predicted evil did not come, the people gradually forgot their fears and by Chinese New Year's season nearly the usual number were coming to the dispensary. Many of the patrons have gone south to live that they may be at a safer distance from the terrible Empress Dowager, while some are in banishment.

Dr. Gloss says in closing her report, "One is never more impressed with the difference between the heathen and the Christian Chinese than when one of their friends dies. The hopeless despair, the unrestrained wildness of expression, the fear of the dead and superstitious rites, fill one's heart with pity. In the home of the Christian there is sweet submission to God's will manifest in the face of the sufferer, the presence of the Comforter and the glorious hope of life eternal. It should cause every one to rejoice who has in any way helped to send this joy to these human hearts."

Number of patients treated in the dispensary, 2,000; number of return visits of dispensary patients, 7,000; number of house patients, 45; Number of visits made to patients in their homes, 310; fees and donations, $140.81.

TSUN HUA.—It was thought the large outgoing class of last year and the refusal to admit all girls except those from the district to the boarding school in Tsun Hua would give ample room for all newcomers. This, however, was not the case, for the enrollment at the opening stood at seventy and a most interesting class of girls they were. Class-work during the year has been fairly good. Seven girls completed the course, but could not be sent to Peking because of the large number of soldiers stationed on the road, so they were sent to their homes to wait. Twenty-eight have completed the course during the year and all but three recommended to the Peking school. The plan adopted last year of holding strictly to the course of study has left time for considerable industrial work, which department has been very successful this year. Over one hundred dollars' worth of goods have been sold. Part of this money has been paid for material and appliances. All money made during the school year is for the benefit of the school. All those who have been industrious during the year and need the help are given the privilege of making lace at home during vacation, and this gives them the means to furnish their own clothing for the coming year. The health of the school has been good. Twice during the year special meetings have been held with good results. The two native assistants, former pupils in Peking, devoted and efficient, have had a fine influence in the school. The majority of this large class furnished their own clothes, and instead of the school funds being used to send the girls

home their people came for them, and food, money, cart and horse, with an old woman to escort the several groups to their villages, were furnished. Five of the girls paid their own way by working early and late on their lace and doylies, five went home in an empty baggage cart and only two were any expense to the school.

Many thanks are due Rev. Mr. Hobart for the instruction in music he has given the school. With an hour's lesson each week and fifteen minutes practice each day, the school has not lost the effects of the work in this department done by Mr. Verity.

The Medical Work here shared in the general depression so manifest everywhere. There has been an improvement since the New Year. Clinics have been better attended, several eye patients have been treated, and country work progressed about as usual. Dr. Terry has made sixteen trips, visiting thirty towns and villages. One place a day and a half's journey distant she had not visited for three or four years, but the work had grown during that time. She went to a place where she had never been before and found several Christian families living there. She charged the usual fee for medicine, and had as large a crowd as in former days when she did not charge. In November she made a trip to Mongolia, one hundred miles distant. All along the way, both going and returning, there was opportunity to dispense medicine and talk with women, and the Bible-woman never lost a chance to tell the gospel story, where there was an individual or a crowd to listen.

The Day-school in Tsun Hua has had an average attendance of sixteen. No money rewards were given during the year, but one meal a day was given to the very poor children, which they were glad to receive. The Training-school has made some progress with its twelve pupils, under the care of Miss Shockley.

TIENTSIN. At the session of the Conference in May last Miss Glover was appointed to the Boarding-school in Tientsin, for the present school year commencing in September, with Miss Shockley as assistant.

The Day-school averaged twenty pupils and the progress in the studies was good, until the Chinese New Year holidays, when the attendance began dropping off and the former number has not been reached since. A little class in industrial work has been carried on twice a week, in which all were interested. Work in the West City among the women has been a great encouragement to the workers. The Training-school is considered the very best in all the years of its history. Three women have completed the three years' course, seven the second, and four the first. Much satisfaction is expressed with the results of the year's work.

Report of the Medical Work is intensely interesting, despite the misery and wretchedness brought to the notice of those whose work it is to examine and treat such terrible cases, as leads them to exclaim: "These tales of woe and suffering poured into our ears make us feel like shouting the whole five thousand six hundred and sixty-six stories from the house tops, that all the Christian world might know what heathenism is doing for Chinese women and be moved to rush to the rescue."

No. of Dispensary treatments, 10,269; No. of Home Treatments, 538; No. of Patients in Wards, 106; Fees and Gifts (Gold), $238.29.

SHANTUNG. Miss Steere and Dr. Barrows reached Shantung November 3rd and found the work waiting for them. The idea of self-help has been kept prominently before the people, and something has been accomplished in this direction. The sin and sorrow of foot-binding has been presented to the church members. The Bible-woman of wheelbarrow fame, now upward of seventy years of age, has unbound her feet, which is an object lesson, showing to all both old and young, that it can be done. She commands the respect of the whole community, and she preaches Christ to all. She sometimes takes her seat at the door of the street chapel, being careful to put her feet in a conspicuous position, so that passers-by stop to notice and inquire the cause of an old lady having large feet; she answers their questions, and then keeps them long enough to tell of Christ and His salvation. She goes to some of the large temples, where multitudes gather and hear from her lips redemption's story—possibly the only chance some may have before returning to their distant homes. Because of her lameness—occasioned by a fall last year—she cannot get around very well, but there was nothing the matter with her mouth, so she could still preach. Another Bible-woman is doing most excellent work and goes to the Dispensary to talk with the patients who gather there. A small school with four women as a nucleus for a Training-school, has been started, and a Boarding-school of eleven pupils of nearly as many grades, who cook, eat, study and sleep in one room. A small beginning in medical work has also been made, promising growth and efficiency. There have been obstacles and great inconveniences, but there have been proofs of divine guidance and blessing. There was nothing to begin on, but friends stood ready to help, and liberal supplies of drugs from the hospitals in Peking, Tsun-Hua and Tientsin, and private donations of towels, bandages and soap were furnished. With the first proposition to open this work in Tai An, a sum of money was given by an unknown friend for this medical work, which has met the running

expenses and furnished a small amount for the purchase of a little property where they are now putting up a small building for a Dispensary, and repairing rooms for three or four in-patients. This will be a great relief. Many of the patients come from towns and villages ten or fifteen miles away, often stopping at an inn for a few days while being treated. Quite a number have been treated free, which in no case has caused any apparent dissatisfaction, but calls have been few, and not many opportunities for country trips. Dr. Barrows was well received in every place, and much appreciation of the work done was shown.

STATISTICAL REPORT. Dispensary patients and re-treatments, 722; Out calls, patients treated, 23; Opium poisoning, 1; Phosphorus poisoning, 1; Foreigners treated, 26; House patients, 10. Total 783.

Fees received from natives, $14.17; fees received from foreigners, $35.56. Total (gold), $49.83.

MRS. L. A. ALDERMAN, *Official Correspondent.*

CENTRAL CHINA.

Woman's Work Organized in Kiukiang, 1874
Woman's Work Organized in Chinkiang, 1884.
Woman's Work Organized in Nanking, 1887.

MISSIONARIES.

Chinkiang.

LUCY H. HOAG, M. D., LAURA M. WHITE, MARY C. ROBINSON,
GERTRUDE TAFT, M. D.

Kiukiang.

CLARA E. MERRILL, GERTRUDE HOWE, KATE L. OGBORN.
IDA KHAN, M. D., MARY STONE, M. D.

Nanking.

ELLA C. SHAW, MRS. A. C. DAVIS, SARAH PETERS.

Wu Hu.

EMMA MITCHELL.

CHINKIANG. Of the Boarding-school, Miss Robinson writes: "We have had our most prosperous year—more pupils, more help, more accommodations, and more enthusiasm in the pupils for making

themselves fit to take up the work the foreigner can never do. The following report is given as perhaps the best means at command of making home friends know something of what the past year's work has been in this part of the great W. F. M. S. field.

Having seen how little idea our native and foreign visitors get of the real work done during the school year through the usual literary exercises held at its close, it was resolved to try a new plan this year, contending with the following difficulties: Our native friends were familiar with the language but not with the subjects. Our foreign friends were familiar with the subjects but not with the language. Only a few understood both languages and subjects.

The plan was to give samples from each subject studied during the school year. These interspersed with singing and ending with a debate, made up the program. It was, in short, an examination and literary exhibition; a combination show; a bazaar of literary goods and brain wares. It required much preparation to make it a *multum in parvum*. Eight or more subjects were illustrated. The two graduates of '97 were also on exhibition as teachers of their respective topics. The eye was appealed to as an aid to understanding by drawings on the blackboard illustrating astronomical, geometrical and geological subjects. Some of these were described. For instance, the figure of circles and lines under the question "How many degrees is the polar star above the horizon when seen at Chinkiang?"

General history was made to circle around that of China as, perhaps, its proper relation to a *celestial* body! A ten-foot diagram of its twenty-four dynasties, prepared by Mr. Chen, was stretched on the wall, the divisions marking off each dynasty varying in size according to extent of its territory. Each member of the junior class was assigned her task in its elucidation. First the diagram itself was rapidly explained, then the most important events in each dynasty were mentioned; then the Biblical contemporary events from Abraham to Christ. By this time the juniors had covered the ground of their year's work in history, and then the seniors took up the task of threading on the contemporaneous events of Egyptian, Babylonian, Grecian, Roman and Japan history. It was an unexpected fidelity to facts, when the present dynasty was under consideration, to hear the speaker quietly note the *slicing* process now going on by which her country's territory has been lost to France, Japan and Russia.

A class of girls averaging eleven years of age had an oral, written and manual test in rapid calculation led by one of the graduate teachers. The children were required to measure the length or width of objects named by their hands in midair, the teacher testing the correctness of their sight measurements by the yard rule she held in hand.

A kindergarten exercise, conducted by the other graduate teacher, followed. The little ones, using jointed slats, made triangles, right, acute, obtuse angles, rectangles and squares, pointing out their counterparts in the room. The rainbow exercise in three parts was made to illustrate the properties of light. The geographical exercise brought out the vast, world-excelling mineral resources of Hunan Province. The debate by four seniors excited keen interest. The judges were Chinese gentlemen. It is a novel sight in China to see young ladies take part in an argument, and those who do are, of course, on unfamiliar ground. You will yet be proud of your Celestial protégés!

Although Miss White was not present to lead in the music, such was the thoroughness of the instruction she had given, that the girl who took her place at the organ was enabled with her schoolmates to carry out the musical part of the program to the surprise and delight of the hearers. The U. S. Consul, Mr. Martin, made an excellent, discriminating speech, free from all flattery, but encouraging to teachers and pupils alike. Superintendent Dr. Kupfer closed with prayer and benediction.

The *Medical Work* in the Woman's Hospital and the dispensaries has been quite satisfactory this year as the two associate doctors have been able to give their full time to it.

Dr. Taft opened a second out-dispensary this year as an experiment and also a day-school, at the West Gate Dispensary which she could conveniently superintend on the regular visiting days. The work has increased in interest as the surgical cases have brought more patients into the hospital, some of them being ladies of intelligence and influence. The gospel has been preached daily and religious books have been circulated. The whole number of patients has been about 5,000.

KIU KIANG. This is the oldest station in the Central China Mission and opportunities for work in the city and district are unlimited. No one has been free to visit the country stations since Miss Stanton left, and the city work has been inadequately supplied.

Miss Ogburn writes: "Ten missionaries are wanted for work in Central China. Our mission is distributed within four of the most densely populated provinces of all China which contain about one hundred and twenty-five million inhabitants. Kiu Kiang is the oldest station in the mission, and opportunities for work in the city and district are almost unlimited. The medical work under the two Chinese doctors has had a steady gain, and with a large hospital we can assuredly hope for a larger increase.

"In some of our newer stations the people are urging that physicians and evangelists be sent to help the women, and in others, Christians

are asking that some one come and instruct their wives in Christian truth.

"The women are accessible, and when work has been done among them the results have been highly gratifying. At one of our stations sixty women have been brought into the church through the visits of our missionaries. With the present force in Central China, and the increasing demands upon those in charge of schools and hospitals, visits to the out-stations are almost impossible. We are specially anxious that a medical missionary and an evangelist be sent to Yanchow, the nearest station to Chinkiang. Nanchang is the capital of the first province in Central China, and two ladies are requested for that place, one of them to be a physician.

NANKING. "At Nanking the schools have doubled their enrollment during the last three years, and the work at the out-stations is increasing rapidly. The demand for help in the country stations is so great that when Mrs. Davis returns, two new ladies will be needed; and it is earnestly desired that they shall be sent to reinforce Nanking, the old capital, and the intellectual centre of the Yangtse. These requests are made with deliberation and prayer; and we ask for help, not for ourselves, not for our work, but for the sake of the Master whom we serve."

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE, *Official Correspondent.*

WEST CHINA.

Woman's Work Commenced in 1882.
Discontinued, 1885.
Re-opened, 1894.

MISSIONARIES.

HELEN GALLOWAY, *FANNIE E. MEYER, CLARA COLLIER,
*GRACE TODD. ELLA MANNING.

*Home on leave.

CHUNG-KING. Our mission here has been very sorely afflicted. Up to February last Miss Meyer had been in charge of our boarding-school in that city. Her administration was efficient, tactful and productive of the happiest results. But her health failed and her physician insisted that her return to America was absolutely necessary to her recovery. In obedience to the doctor's decision, she started at once upon her homeward journey.

The enforced removal of Miss Meyer from the mission imposed all of the work for which she had been responsible upon Miss Todd, who, though she was herself suffering from serious ailments, heroically assumed the additional burden in the hope that her own health and strength would eventually be restored.

In this hope she was disappointed, and a few weeks later Miss Todd was compelled to abandon her work and was also ordered home. These successive disasters devolved the entire management of the mission upon Miss Galloway, and the work which had originally been divided between three missionaries and which had been ample to demand the best services of all, had now to be guided, directed and cared for by a single individual.

The result was what might have been readily foreseen from the beginning, namely, the physical prostration of our last and only mission worker. A few weeks ago Miss Galloway herself was taken ill and so alarming was the report received, that the corresponding secretary of the branch which she represented found it necessary to direct that she should also return home. In this manner "our house was indeed left to us desolate." Never before in our experience had such a series of disasters overtaken any work.

The exigency of the situation was somewhat appalling. At the last meeting of the Executive Committee the Chung King mission seemed to be thoroughly equipped and no provision was made for reinforcing it. Every dollar of our anticipated income had been specifically appropriated for other work and we were without the means to pay for the service in case it should be provided for. But the situation was too serious to be ignored. After careful consideration, Miss Ella Manning was despatched to the relief of Miss Galloway. She started on her journey at once, sailing from Vancouver on October 10th. Miss Decker and Dr. Mary Ketring have also been appointed to Chung King and will start thitherward in November. It is now designed to place the boarding-school under the charge of Miss Decker, and that Dr. Ketring shall open the medical work.

To the illness of Miss Galloway is doubtless to be attributed the fact that the annual report from the Chung King station has not been received. What facts we have concerning it have been principally gleaned from miscellaneous correspondence. Miss Todd has kindly furnished some items of interest connected with the work. It is now nearly a year since word was received by the missionaries from friendly sources, that rioters had planned to destroy the mission and were about to attack their home, and further, that they would be compelled to leave the city. The mission force was almost in despair. In their extremity

the missionaries assembled in the Deaconess'-home and engaged in earnest prayer. They prayed that He who rules the hearts and governs the passions even of wicked men would interpose in their behalf, that the heathen might come to realize that those who trust in God shall never be confounded, and that the Lord would grant His almighty protection to the work which had been undertaken in His name. This prayer was heard and answered. The evil purposes of the rioters were either thwarted or diverted. The mission was unharmed and neither the buildings nor the inmates suffered any violence. The mission services on the succeeding day were occasions of marked interest and were attended by special tokens of the Divine favor.

On Chinese New Year's day there were entertained at the mission about five hundred natives, including men, women and girls. After receiving light refreshments they looked through the home and inquired curiously as to the details of our work and the purpose of the mission. The way was thus opened to tell the gospel story to many who then heard it for the first time. Some of the visitors became greatly interested in the Christian teaching. Many were induced to attend the revival services and were afterwards converted. Others were interested in the school and sought admission to it, either for themselves or their daughters. At this point a special embarrassment was experienced. Although the accommodations were ample and the means were available for the support of the school, these applications had to be rejected as there were no missionaries to care for or to teach the would-be-students. A goodly number of conversions have occurred among the girls in the boarding-school and their eagerness to "go tell" their heathen friends of the joy and peace which has come to them through believing is indicative of the genuineness of the good work that was wrought in them and of their own sincerity. Thus has the Lord blessed us even amid our sorrows.

Among these converts was one especially bright and interesting student who had not unbound her feet. As she was not supported by the mission, she was not in that matter under the authority of her teachers. Her family opposed her in her purpose to be freed from her bonds, but although in China girls are not supposed to exercise any independent opinions, or even to act without parental direction, this girl was convinced that she ought no longer to continue the practice, and even against the protests of her friends voluntarily unbound her feet.

The eagerness with which even the old women apply themselves to the task of learning to read is a matter of surprising interest. As they come to know one letter or character after another they manifest their

delight, and when they are at last able to read the Bible they are almost exultantly happy. In the joy which thus comes to the people whom they serve, the missionaries are in some sense compensated for their self-denying labors. The native Bible women are faithful to the work to which they have been appointed. They visit the people in their homes and the hospital and attend the class-meetings, always ready to read the Word to those who will listen to them and to render any service of which they are capable.

Both Miss Meyer and Miss Todd were greatly beloved by the girls in the boarding-school, as indeed they were by every one connected with the mission. In the daily chapel services these teachers are always remembered in the prayers of the students, who continuously ask the Lord to restore these friends to health and to send them back to Chung King accompanied by other workers.

The West China work is one of special interest and of exceeding promise. During the last year it has indeed been called upon to pass through the furnace of affliction, but faith in the wisdom of occupying this particular ground has in no sense been weakened, nor is the future of the mission problematical. It is assuredly the Lord's work and He will prosper it in our hands.

CHENTU. Mrs. Canwright writes : "I have just completed my seventh year in West China. Mrs. Peal and I were the first foreign ladies of our Mission to work among the women here in Chentu. We should have found it a far more difficult task with our limited knowledge of Chinese had we not been so ably assisted by our dear, faithful Bible-woman, Mrs. Tung, of whom you have heard many good reports.

"We had a nice little work started when the riots of '95 took place, and put a stop to it, at least for several months. In less than a year, however, we were all back at our posts again.

"Last year Miss Collier and I were jointly appointed to 'work among the outside women,' a very wide field, certainly. Unfortunately our place is situated on so busy a street that it is not pleasant for a foreign lady to venture out ; but the "outside women" are encouraged and urged to come in, and in that way we find our opportunities for telling them the 'old, old story.' I think it quite safe to say several hundred outside women heard some gospel truths during the past year. Many come but once, and we never see them again. We can only pray that the words they hear may be blessed to their good. Others come again and again, and seem to hear the word gladly. During the last few months—especially in the fall—while the rebel 'Yü Man Tsi,' was stirring up trouble here in the West, the women became frightened because

report said the rebel was seeking to exterminate the Christians, and fearing they might be reckoned among the Christians if they came to the 'Gospel Hall' (as our place is called) their numbers at our services have fallen off considerably. We were somewhat anxious ourselves for a time, lest our former experience with Chinese rioters was to be repeated, but our Lord kept us, and is keeping us daily."

MRS. F. P. CRANDON, *Official Correspondent.*

JAPAN.

Woman's Work Commenced, 1874.
Organized as a Conference, 1884.

CENTRAL JAPAN.

MISSIONARIES.

Tokyo Tsukiji.
MATILDA A. SPENCER,
CLARISSA H. SPENCER,
*BELLE J. ALLEN.

Yokohama.
MRS. C. VAN PETTEN,
AMY G. LEWIS.

Literary Work.
GEORGIANA BAUCUS.

Tokyo Aoyama.
REBECCA J. WATSON,
HARRIET S. ALLING,
FANNIE G. WILSON,
N. M. DANIEL.

Industrial School.
ELLEN BLACKSTOCK.

Sendai.
FRANCES E. PHELPS,
LOUISA IMHOFF.

Nagoya.
ELIZABETH R. BENDER,
*M. H. RUSSELL,
*CARRIE A. HEATON,
*MARY BELLE GRIFFITHS.

MISSIONARIES OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY IN CHARGE OF WORK.

*MRS. H. W. SWARTZ,
MRS. W. S. WORDEN,
MRS. B. CHAPPELL,
MRS. G. F. DRAPER,
MRS. C. W. HUETT,
MISS JENNIE S. VAIL.

*Home on leave.

The annual report of the Woman's Missionary Conference in Japan seems each year to increase in interest. The work in the different sections was reported in three minute talks of telling incidents. All spoke of the deepening of spiritual life in the schools and among the Christian women. An appeal is sent to the General Executive Committee reiterating and emphasizing the request made last year, for twenty more workers. Instead, however, of an increase, the past year has witnessed the reduction of one-fifth of the number of missionaries now at work. In some places one missionary is trying to do the work of three, and it is impossible to bear up very long under this heavy strain.

The treaty revision went into effect July 17th and foreigners have become as free as the Japanese themselves to live and hold property in all parts of the Empire. In one of the papers read before the conference it is said, "The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been largely educational and we are now, after a short twenty-five years, reaping a rich reward. Intelligent, bright-faced women are the wives of the pastors and professors in the colleges, and even among those heathen, the painted, powdered, toy-wife of the past is at a discount among the intelligent, well-educated youth of Japan." Christian homes are scattered all over the country, shining as lights in a dark place, which are the products of our mission-schools.

Miss Baucus has continued the publication of the "Tokiwa," which is now circulating in six girls'-schools. This little paper is giving instruction through the translation of poems and hymns, short stories, travels, biographies, articles on simple science and hygiene, with special departments for the "King's Daughters" and evangelist and missionary work. It is intended to reach the women of Japan with a pure, helpful, Christian literature. It has a good paying subscription list, and as editor, contributor and publisher are all centered in one person, we can judge of the labor and enthusiasm expended in making this little magazine the success it is. Ever since Paul sent his letters to the churches he could only found, without building up by his bodily presence, the written gospel goes hand-in-hand with the preached word. We wish this effort for the moral elevation of Japanese women, which for nearly two years has gone on enlarging and steadily increasing and diffusing its light, a still wider success.

The school at Aoyama, after years of waiting for funds, has been able to bring all its 108 boarding pupils under its own roof with the sixty day scholars. All the older girls have promised loyalty to Christ and many in the Primary Department are trying to be Christians. A large proportion of the graduates of this school are teaching in other schools or acting as Bible-women to-day. King's Daughters, Temperance, and Missionary societies among the girls teach them practical Christian work. Sixty-two pupils have been enrolled in the Industrial School and here as elsewhere, help was contributed for those made destitute by the flood in the Hokkaido. The five day-schools have been continued with uniformly good success throughout the year, though some disturbance was occasioned by the word from home that one must be discontinued at the close of the year for want of funds to support it. Christianity has been taught in these day-schools, and the influence of the Christian teachers and religious instruction has been felt in the families of the scholars. The elementary school work in Japan has

recently received a severe blow in the decision of the Minister of Education forbidding all religious teaching in the schools, either in or out of school hours. This particularly affects the day-schools which have been doing a most encouraging work during the year. As our missionaries are in Japan for the express purpose of teaching religion and are unwilling to break the laws of the country, the present outlook is full of anxiety. It is too soon to say what steps will be taken by the missionary authorities at home. Many prayers are ascending asking for God's help in this emergency. The faithful matron in Yokohama encourages her own and others' faith, saying, "the Lord will provide, that many clouds have shadowed the work, some as dark as this, but the Lord had delivered them from all and a way would also be opened out of this difficulty." Most of the day-schools will probably be closed, at least temporarily, but we cannot but believe that a broader and better way will be opened. The light of life will not so soon be taken from these little ones.

Miss Wilson, the Superintendent of Evangelistic work in the Tokyo district, has made two trips over the district in the seven months covered by the report. At one of the appointments there is a small church consisting almost wholly of men who have been bitterly persecuted by their wives, but at the second visit three of these heathen wives came to the Woman's Meeting and twelve or twenty came to a meeting in one of the houses. They confessed that their opposition arose from a failure to understand. Four Bible-women are employed on the district, and Mother's Meetings have been opened in different parts of the city. Nearly 2,000 tracts have been distributed in the district by the girls in Aoyama school and the letters written home have brought some of the families to Christ.

A touching incident occurred at the Training-school at Yokohama. A day or two after the fateful accident which stunned for a time the whole Mission, Dai San, a converted Jinricksha man, called on Mrs. Van Petten and told her he was the man who drew Miss Allen on that terrible day. Supposing he had come for his pay, Mrs. Van Petten asked how much she owed him, he answered with tears in his eyes, "Oh, I did not come for my money, but just to say how sorry I am for all the trouble." Soon after this man was hurt and obliged to go to the hospital; while there he talked to the man in the next cot, and had the joy of seeing him converted before he left the place.

During the nine months covered by this report there have been forty-nine pupils in the Bible-woman's Training-school, of whom three have graduated. There have been over 1,000 visits made on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons by the scholars, besides the Sunday-school work and that in connection with the Industrial Classes. Some of the

students have learned to make lace quite nicely which enables them to pay their dues to the missionary societies and to the church. One of the graduates of the school married last October and went to one of the Chinese ports as wife of the Japanese Consul. She witnessed a good confession for Christ and was a strength to her husband, but she has recently passed into the better land. Another became the wife of an earnest young Japanese teacher. Surely it is the Father's good pleasure to give the Kingdom to such as these.

In speaking of her work in the Japanese church, Miss Vail writes: "We have heroic hearts among the Christian workers of this land. With small salaries and but few earthly comforts, they work in the face of opposition from relatives and friends, but are rich in the inheritance of a life spent for the Master."

Miss Bender has borne the burden of the work in Nagoya alone, and has superintended the Evangelistic work, as well as acted as principal of the school of forty-five girls. The internal condition of the school and the spirit among the students is a great cause of encouragement. All of them belong to the temperance society and twenty-five of them are Christians. Miss Bender writes that the fact of the entire force of teachers in Nagoya being Christian, is a great religious gain to the school and very much lightens its burdens. King's Daughters have, by their work, supported a school among the poor at Dekeinachi, a Sunday-school of street children, besides contributing to a number of especially needy cases.

The work of the society in Central Japan is conducted by eight missionaries in the field and five at home on leave, assisted by nineteen Bible-women, and is represented by 223 boarding and 167 day scholars in the boarding-schools and 1,067 pupils in the day-schools.

S. L. KEEN, *Official Correspondent.*

NORTHERN JAPAN.

HAKODATE.

Woman's Work Commenced 1870.

MISSIONARIES.

AUGUSTA DICKERSON, MINNIE S. HAMPTON, FLORENCE E. SINGER, ANNA V. BING.

Our work in North Japan moves steadily forward, year by year, recording substantial advance. The Caroline Wright Memorial School was opened in Hakodate in February, 1882, with six pupils in attendance.

Multiply that number by thirty-one for the total enrollment of the past year=186 girls. With difficulty the first Japanese teacher was secured seventeen years ago, but he who so reluctantly began his work has never severed his connection with the school, and has proved a most faithful and judicious friend and advisor.

Miss Hampton, our missionary in charge at the beginning, has remained on the field up to the present, with but one brief furlough, although during later years her time has been divided between the school and evangelistic work, Miss Augusta Dickerson taking her place as principal.

Miss Dickerson reports: "During the year we have continued the same plans in the various classes, with the same course of study, under the same corps of teachers, with the addition of a teacher for the Preparatory. She holds a certificate from one of the county Normal-schools, and has had some experience in teaching. From the first she took a deep interest in the Bible lessons, and it was not long before she opened her heart to receive the truth. On Christmas day, together with many of her pupils, she received baptism. What a blessed day that Christmas Sabbath day was! It began with a prayer meeting with twenty-six dear children who had asked to be received into Christ's fold at that time. At the church we had first the solemn baptism and then the Lord's Supper. How graciously did our Master come and bless us. Truly we knew as never before that 'the light of the world is Jesus.'"

The temperance society, under Miss Singer's efficient leadership, has continued to increase in numbers and influence. In the range of subjects considered this little Japanese society is proving a worthy offshoot of the multifarious W. C. T. U., attention being given not only to study of the evils of intoxicants and tobacco, but also to other important topics, such as dress reform, physical culture, kindergartens for poor children. As a result of the discussion on dress many of the girls have adopted the *hakama*, or divided skirt.

Miss Singer, who has had charge of the department of music for the past five years was granted a furlough at the close of the school year and is at present pursuing special studies at Folts Institute. During her absence instruction in music will be given by those who have been under her training, which speaks well for the work.

Considerable anxiety has been felt here, as elsewhere throughout Japan, over the revision of the code regulating the conduct of schools. On the whole the restrictions are fewer than some feared and relate chiefly to children under ten or eleven years of age. These are required to attend the Government schools or such private schools as are authorized by the local authorities, who may insist on conformity to

Government regulations which exclude religious instruction. Since the primary department at Hakodate is small this school will not in any case be so seriously affected as some others of the mission. It is believed, however, that the new regulations will soon be modified so as to admit of greater religious freedom, since general dissatisfaction among the Japanese themselves, is expressed.

The evangelistic work under Miss Hampton has been successfully carried on. Early in the year Miss Otto, from Hirosaki, joined Miss Hampton for a long and hard trip through Sapporo District. A magic lantern was of great use in the presentation of Bible truths. The attendance at the meetings was never less than one hundred and ranged from that up to five hundred. At each place an after-meeting was called, when about one-fourth of the congregation would remain for further instruction. Miss Hampton wrote of this trip : "It is like paradise to come back after one of these trips, and it seems as if one would never feel like complaining of any littte hardship here in Hakodate, but I find after ten and a-half years my good intentions come to naught. I have been very, very tired this year." Miss Hampton is now enjoying a few months of rest in America, and Miss Bing has been transferred from Southern Japan to care for the evangelistic work during her absence.

The workers in Hakodate miss from their midst "Mother Draper," whose love for the Japanese was witnessed in the devotion of means and the strength of her later years for their betterment. There remain in evidence, a school for the blind in Yokohama, another in Hakodate, and the Bible cart for the distribution of tracts. Small wonder that her dying testimony which sped over the wires to the Conference love-feast flashed out : 'Greetings from the Border Land. All light beyond.'"

HIROSAKI.

Woman's Work Commenced, 1889.

MISSIONARIES.

ALICE M. OTTO, ELLA HEWETT.

EMPLOYED IN THE KINDERGARTEN.

MISS SOUTHARD.

Ten years ago, at the earnest solicitation of the Japanese, woman's work was opened in Hirosaki. The people agreed on their part to erect a school building, furnish the running expenses, and provide a home for the ladies, if the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society would

send the missionaries and pay the teachers. About the same time a like offer came from four other places, but Hirosaki alone has fulfilled the contract. This effort at self help has invested the work with peculiar interest. From the first the school has been a success, and it has held a position of ever increasing influence in the community. The religious atmosphere is especially noted by all visitors from abroad.

Miss Ella Hewett remains in charge, assisted by Mr. Kudo, of whom Miss Hewett writes that she can hardly speak too highly as a faithful and earnest Christian worker in church and school. Even his vacations are so planned as to admit of his return for the weekly prayer meeting with the girls.

The increase in pupils the past year is large, several having come from the Government High-school, and there are now enrolled 188 names, including those of the Kindergarten. This taxes the building to its utmost. There is no assembly room sufficiently large to accommodate all for the opening prayer service and a division is necessary, part gathering above and part below, Miss Hewett and Mr. Kudo alternating in the leadership. Neither are the recitation rooms adequate. Several classes meet in the little home of the missionaries, one block away.

Eleven girls graduated from the school this year, all Christians.

The Kindergarten, under Miss Southard's care, increases in interest. This, like other departments of the school, is greatly crowded. So eager are the parents to keep their children there that in cases of illness the tuition is still paid that their places may be retained.

The pressing need is for a new building with larger and more comfortable accommodations. For two or three years the Japanese Christians have been planning to erect such a building and have been gathering contributions for the purpose. It is their desire to shoulder the entire burden and they ask nothing from us, but they are poor, and the missionaries of the Conference have united in the request that $1000 be granted them by our Society.

The calamity of fire through which Mrs. Alexander went to her heavenly home has given rise to the desire to make the annex of the proposed new building a memorial in her name for the Kindergarten, in which she was especially interested.

Miss Otto has been very busy in the evangelistic work. Seven Bible-women have been under her supervision in different places of the district. In Hirosaki meetings were held in a new locality for non-Christian women, and, although the attendance was not large, several were converted. One was a grandmother of eighty years who received

baptism in her own home in the presence of her relatives and a few Christian friends.

Ten Sunday-schools are carried on. Class meetings are frequently held after the regular lesson. Many of the older school girls assist in these Sunday-schools.

Miss Otto is now taking a well-earned vacation, while Miss Hewett and the other helpers in the mission are endeavoring to carry the addi tional work as best they may.

MRS. A. N. FISHER, *Official Correspondent.*

SOUTH JAPAN CONFERENCE.

KIUSHIU.

Woman's Work Commenced in 1879.

MISSIONARIES IN NAGASAKI.

*ELIZABETH RUSSELL, IRENE LEE, MARIANA YOUNG,
LOLA M. KIDWELL, MARY E. MELTON.

KAGOSHIMA.

JENNIE M. GHEER, LIDA B. SMITH.

FUKUOKA.

LEONORA SEEDS.

*Home on leave.

For nineteen years this field has been presented to the Executive Committee. The first year it was only the simple statement that Misses Russell and Gheer were on their way to open work where there was neither building nor pupils, not even a welcome. From the day of small beginnings in woman's work as well as in the general society, the growth has been steady and encouraging, until it was so well equipped for self-government that the request for a separate conference was granted, and now Japan has two conferences, with all the rights and privileges of such organizations.

The districts of Nagasaki and Fukuoka, with the Loo Choo Islands as their foreign mission, comprise the territory of this brave little conference. The Loo Choo work is the result of the faith and effort of the Nagasaki missionaries, and furnishes another evidence of the fact that "missions reproduce missions," and that the seed of the Kingdom, though like a grain of mustard seed, will yet fill the whole earth.

Miss Gheer, assisted by Miss Lida B. Smith, with headquarters at Kagoshima, has charge of the evangelistic work. She has twelve trained Bible-women, and others receiving training. Work is regularly carried on in nineteen stations. There are twenty Sunday-schools,

twenty women's meetings, regularly held in stated places, and two day-schools. Five thousand four hundred visits have been made, besides calling on the women in their homes. A Bible-woman's convention was held, which proved to be a great success--helpful on spiritual lines as well as methods of work. An earnest plea is forwarded for a Bible-woman's Home and Training-school, and such an investment would be a great help to the evangelistic work.

The Nagasaki boarding-school, with Miss Young as Superintendent, had an enrollment of two hundred and eight girls, one hundred and ten of whom were boarders. Twenty-one foreigners were included in this number. Miss Young reports "The spiritual tone of the school was good throughout the year, and the growth in Christian life is evident. Early in the year two girls received a special blessing; all could see the joy in their faces. The interest spread through the school. Prayer meetings were held at all hours during the evening, and hymns of praise greeted my ears in the early morning. It was prayer and praise everywhere. Little tots went off by themselves in little bands to some dark places. They seemed to think that they could pray better in the dark, and it was joy to hear them tell of the 'glad' in their hearts. The week of prayer in January and the day of prayer for colleges were both observed and were characterized by a spirit of prayer and consecration. On the day of prayer for colleges twenty girls were at the altar seeking a deeper religious experience, and others finding Christ for the first time.

"The Biblical Department under Miss Melton has had a year of most delightful work. Twelve Bible-women have been students and all manifest a desire for deeper spiritual life. Scattered through the city are twelve Methodist Sunday-schools, carried on by the teachers, older students and Bible-women under Miss Melton's care." To see her start out each Sabbath with her forty workers, to carry the news of salvation to this spiritually starved people must be pleasing to Him who told us to "go into all the world with the glad tidings."

The Music Department has had a most successful year, fully demonstrating the fact that Japanese voices can be trained. The transfer of Miss Bing to Hakodate will be a great loss to this part of the school work. But what she has done will make it much easier for her successor.

The Industrial Department is now under the supervision of those trained in the school, and has prospered in the different lines of work. An exhibition of the industries of the Art and Industrial Departments was held in the art room from which seventy yen was realized. This department includes wood-carving, drawn-work, embroidery, lace-

making and foreign sewing. The introduction of Physical Culture into the school has largely contributed to the health of the girls, which has been exceptionally good.

The Fukuoka Boarding-school was opened under Miss Smith, but when she left for Nagasaki on account of ill health, and afterwards was sent by the Bishop to Kagoshima, Miss Seeds became principal, the government allowing them to do without a Japanese principal. A good report is made. An enrollment of sixty is a cause for gratitude, but better than this is the standard of Christianity within the girls. Five girls graduated, two of them finishing the entire course of study. They have already gone to work, and will make two more standard bearers for the truth. The outside work carried on by the Christian girls in the school is encouraging. The six Sunday-schools are centers of Christian influence.

The Orphanage at Koga, which now has a proper name (Kwassui Jo En), has for nearly a year been in the new building. Nineteen girls are sheltered there and many more would be were there money to support them. The charge of the Orphanage falls to Miss Kimura, a graduate of Nagasaki, a strong, competent woman, as well as a devoted Christian. The girls have their Bible lessons, Sunday-school and prayer meetings, all under Miss Kimura's leading, and she teaches them to know and love the Saviour whom she serves.

Thus in school and in evangelistic work among the poor, and yet not forgetting the rich, the work of the year has been done, and with praise for every victory wrought "in His name," the sheaves are laid at the Master's feet.

MRS. E. T. COWEN, *Official Correspondent.*

MEXICO.

Woman's Work Commenced, 1874.
Mexico Conference Organized, 1885.

MISSIONARIES.

MARY DE F. LOYD, *Mexico City.*
HARRIET L. AYRES, *Mexico City.*
A. VAN DORSTEN, *Pachuca.*
ANNA R. LIMBERGER, *Puebla.*
CAROLINE M. PURDY, "
EFFIE M. DUNMORE, *Guanajuato.*

The Boarding-schools of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Mexico report most encouraging success in the past year; not only has the enrollment of pupils increased in all of them, but they are grow-

ing in the respect and confidence of the community, and the earnest spiritual life that is being developed is the guaranty that in the present and immediate future generations in Mexico, there will be noble native Christian women working in the homes and schools, that will raise the standard of womanhood in the nation.

The schools in Mexico City and Puebla were obliged to put in plants for electric lighting, as the Government determined to abolish the manufacture of gas. The increased outlay of this was met by donations from generous visitors and the proceeds of self-support, without additional demand upon our treasury.

The accommodations in the Kindergarten in Mexico City have been enlarged and made much more commodious through the liberality of Dr. John Butler, in using the gift of a Mexican gentleman to him, for the benefit of this department.

The principle of self-support seems to be developing in Mexico as rapidly as circumstances and the highest efficiency will admit. A larger number of paying pupils come into the schools every year, but the system of scholarships is important to assist those who could not otherwise be educated and in whose ranks we find our best workers.

The school in Mexico City reports 288 pupils, eight of whom have recently graduated, and all of them will make faithful teachers and are capable of supplying the vacancies in our own schools. Going out among the simple and superstitious villagers, they sow seeds of truth, and already the fruitage is appearing.

While in the school they learn the distinction between the elaborate ceremonial of the Roman Church and the simple Protestant service. They find that outward forms do not control the sins of the heart, that the Holy Spirit alone, can give the victory over self and control the wayward passions of nature.

The school in Pachuca was never so crowded as now and the work is beyond the ability of any one superintendent. Another missionary from the States is necessary for the assistance of Miss Van Dorsten.

The English department has been separated and is entirely self-supporting. Sixteen girls from the school have united with the church the past year.

The Puebla girls-school is developing a beautiful Christian womanhood in its pupils. The native teachers are earnest Christian young women and contribute largely to high moral influence in the school. One of them has held her position eleven years. A deepening of religious interest is being noticed. Spiritual revival services were held the last week of the spring term, and notwithstanding the crowd of work at that season these meetings were held each day, with the result that all

the inmates of the house not previously converted, were brought into the fold of Christ. In the year nineteen girls have joined the church—of the seven graduated last year, three were retained as teachers in the school, one went to assist in Guanajuato, another in Pachuca and others in Orizaba and Oaxoca.

Miss Dunmore reports the work in Guanajuato as most satisfactory in all respects, except the want of room to accommodate the pupils applying for admission. There is a fine opening with self-supporting pupils, and she pleads very urgently for the new building that has been talked of ever since the land was purchased four years ago. There has been a deepening of religious feeling, and a marked improvement in moral character, while eighteen girls have confessed their faith and given their names to be enrolled among Christians.

Besides the four Boarding-schools, eight Day-schools are under the care of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Mexico, and thirty-eight out of forty-three professors and teachers employed are members of our own church. The pupils in the various schools number 1586, of whom eighty-six have been received into our church fellowship the last year.

A little girl has recently come to the Puebla school from Yucatan. Hearing that this was following the wish of her father expressed before his death, Miss Limberger asked if he was a Protestant; "Oh, yes," (replied the mother) "and all that goes with it. He was a Protestant, a Mason, and a spiritualist." Protestantism has a varied significance in this country.

The work of this Society is manifesting the truth, and has God's blessing.

S. L. KEEN, *Official Correspondent.*

SOUTH AMERICA.

Woman's Work Commenced in 1874.
Conference Organized, 1893.

MISSIONARIES.

MARY F. SWANEY,	ELEANORA LEHURAY,	ELSIE WOOD,
ELIZABETH HEWETT,	REBECCA J. HAMMOND,	BELLE WAIDMAN.

ROSARIO. In Rosario the year's work closed well. In numbers they went a little below the previous year, enrolling about two hundred in the two schools. At the same time they refused thirty applications

because the lowest grades were full. In the Home the year has been very satisfactory. The girls have worked well and harmoniously. Better results are secured from this department than from the other school, which has become again a "free school," as it was originally. The hard times and great suffering of the poor made the change necessary. As a charity school it was a great success. Miss Swaney writes: "It was a wild, undisciplined set of new girls we brought over to salute Bishop Warren in April. In a few weeks, however, they were quiet and orderly and made good progress in their lessons." Miss Bowen, long supported by New England Branch, was a most faithful teacher, has left the school to go to a home of her own, but a worthy successor has been secured, having fine qualifications as a teacher. Another teacher who had been in the school for three years goes to a similar position. This place has been filled by one of the girls from the Normal-school, who belongs in our home, which promises to furnish teachers *trained* in our own school, which will be a glad day for our workers in that field.

BUENOS AYRES. The year in Buenos Ayres has been a crucial one, but Miss LeHuray has kept up a brave Christian heart because of her faith in Him who has been her strength and helper. While our own local work has suffered greatly in the last two years from an income diminished nearly one-half, removal to smaller accommodations and a diminished force of teachers, other denominations seem to be going in to "possess the land," and some of them are having marked success in school work as well as evangelistic. That we have come to a crisis in our work in Buenos Ayres is most apparent and the solution of this problem is of immense importance for the future of our work in this important city.

MONTEVIDEO. Upon the return of Miss Hewitt to Montevideo in June she found the school in a very prosperous condition, with an enrollment of ninety-seven pupils. A large proportion of the teachers were graduates from the school, Christian young women, full of enthusiasm. Of the thirteen who have graduated from this school since 1893 seven have remained as teachers, three have gone to Ascuncion to teach in our mission school, one to a parent board-school, and one is giving her Christian influence as a governess in a Christless family.

The graduating exercises at the close of 1898 did great credit to both teachers and pupils. When the school opened in March the enrollment was one hundred and reached one hundred and nine before the June examinations. All the departments were full, no room for more benches. A part of the dining-room has been taken for a temporary

class-room, and another room, formerly used as a dormitory, has been converted into a class-room. They have now only accommodations for five boarding girls, and unless some repairs are made soon these will have to be discontinued, as that part of the building leaks badly and it is feared that the roof is not strong enough to endure much more weight. The boarders are a source of some pecuniary advantage and give to the school generally an elevating tone. Of those enrolled the last half year, there were in the Spanish primary twenty-nine, eighteen of whom were Roman Catholics; English primary, thirty-two, ten Roman Catholics; higher grades, forty-eight, fifteen Roman Catholics. Not all the children in the English primary department are of English nationality, but they enter this department that they may learn English and pursue the course of study through all the grades *in English*. Miss Waidman has been doing some evangelistic work in connection with a Bible-woman who understands the language.

ASCUNCION. No data for making an intelligent report of the work in Ascuncion is at hand. Miss Goodin was compelled for health reasons to leave for home early in the year, and Miss Hammond has returned for a much needed rest.

PERU. Work in Peru commenced in Callao in 1891 in a private house. As it increased in numbers it was impossible to get a building that would accommodate all the pupils, so they were obliged to hire separate houses, and at the present time the pupils are in three buildings. The whole number enrolled in the department belonging strictly to the department of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is as follows: High-school, young ladies, 20; Intermediate, girls, 37; Primary, No. 1, girls and small boys, 36; Primary, No. 2, girls and small boys, 64; total enrollment W. F. M. S., 157.

There is no other school in the Spanish language, or any other up and down the coast between California and Chili where girls can have high grade instruction. Neither has Lima, with a population of over a hundred thousand. This city has a University which keeps up several departments but has never provided anything in the way of high grade instruction for young women.

In 1897 our high-school had three graduates, the next year three more. This year five of these are teaching in the schools, and one is in the Pauw University. There are seven assistant teachers. The Bible is in the hands of every pupil who can read and is down in the printed course of study for every department. Gospel hymns are also included and are in all the courses of study and are in constant use in all the departments.

Systematic instruction in sacred history, in the life of Christ, the memorizing of Scripture and its meaning, and the application of Gospel ethics are part of the system. Devotional exercises are conducted in every department, every day. In the regular attendance on the Sabbath worship, the Sunday-school, prayer meeting, Epworth and temperance meetings, the majority is composed of the school girls, past and present, and their families. These schools are approaching self-support.

"In Lima the work commenced only last year, but is making advancement," Miss Wood writes, "what it needs is a headquarters in the Peruvian Capital for female education, worthy of the womanhood of American Methodism." In an appeal from her facile pen addressed to the New England Branch, she says after describing the country, its people, its domination by wicked rulers and corrupt priests, "The Indians, the remnants of the ancient population of this 'land of the Incas,' with the descendants of the Spaniards, have united to shake off the dominion of Spain and are doing their utmost to imitate the United States as members of the family of American republics. My object in writing is to ask that at your coming meeting you will allow time for one whole prayer, all for *this* land, an *extra* prayer. Pray for Bolivia, seven times larger than New England, in which there are but two missionaries, and two missionary graves. Pray for Peru, where Perozotti lay in prison for eight months for preaching the gospel, where Bible colporteurs have been imprisoned again and again, and where my father, who has been preaching Christ for twenty-nine years in South America, was marched through the streets of Lima as a prisoner, having been arrested in the midst of his sermon, and the people driven from the hall into the streets.

Pray for the brave men who must carry on these meetings in the face of such difficulties and for the converts who must take a stand before their own countrymen in the face of such opposition from the tyrannical priesthood. Pray for the colporteurs who push inland with their lives in their hands, having not a human being on whom to depend for aid or sympathy.

Pray for the schools which have had to fight for every inch of ground gained, and for the teachers in these schools, who must meet unheard of difficulties in the land of the stars and stripes; and for the pupils in these schools who represent the beginnings of the new Christian civilization of Peru.

Pray for Ecuador, whose capital city, Quito, has lately been reached for the first time with an open Bible, by a lone Methodist colporteur, a native of Peru, with his life in perpetual peril.

Pray for the womanhood of all these lands enslaved by priestcraft, and every form of superstition and tyranny for ages.

And pray for me, the only messenger of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in all the "Empire of the Incas."

L. A. ALDERMAN, *Official Correspondent.*

BULGARIA.

Woman's Work Commenced, 1884.
Constituted a Mission Conference, 1892.

MISSIONARIES.

KATE B. BLACKBURN, LYDIA DIEM.

ASSISTANTS.

AMELIA DIEM, MISS RAICHAVA.

LOFTCHA. The Loftcha school is, as it has long been, a place of exceeding interest to the members of the Northwestern Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Its varying fortunes have been closely watched, and have at times been productive of discouragement, if not of anxiety, but it is the only work which our Society maintains in Bulgaria, and its permanent establishment is most earnestly desired. The earnestness that has characterized its administration, and the religious as well as the intellectual activity which has been developed, is the sufficient assurance that it is a work which is wisely planted and which is worthy of continued confidence and support.

The report of last year's work is exceedingly satisfactory, and the outlook for its future is more favorable than ever before in its history.

More students have been in attendance, and school work has been enthusiastic and efficient, and in June last a class of six girls was graduated.

The loyalty to the institution which is manifested by both the students and the alumni, and the personal affection with which the teachers are regarded, indicate both the spirit and the excellence of the school work. In these respects the students who come from Orthodox families are most pronounced and most persistent. With scarcely an exception, after graduation they remain the steadfast friends and patrons of the institution. They are thoroughly convinced of its excellence, and use their efforts to send to it such students as they can influence.

For five years Miss Diem has devoted herself to the interests of the college. Her resignation, to take effect at the close of the current

school year, has been presented and accepted. She is to become the wife of a Methodist preacher, who is a member of the North German Conference. She will bear with her to her new life and her new home, benedictions from many loving hearts. The loss which the school will experience, is indeed a serious one, for not only has she been a faithful and successful teacher, but she has at the same time been to Miss Blackburn a trusted counsellor and a beloved friend.

That some new incumbent must be found for the position which Miss Diem will vacate, goes without the saying. Miss Blackburn is most efficient and versatile, but to discharge the duties of superintendent, teacher, housekeeper and matron, in addition to meeting the multitudinous demands which are devolved upon the chief officer of any institution, will greatly exceed even her capacity for work and administration.

In April Miss Blackburn wrote: "We seem to live in an atmosphere of revival. Never since I have been in the country, has there been manifested any such interest in religious themes, nor any such eagerness for religious instruction, as has been witnessed on every hand for the last three months. The spirit of religious inquiry has permeated not only the college and the church, but has extended throughout the community. Twenty-five new members have been received into the Epworth League, of whom fifteen are college students, and the remainder are young men who are residents in the city. Three of the young men have since united with the church, and two of our pupils have been received as probationers.

"The results in which we so much rejoice, may seem meager enough, but if you could have witnessed the progress of the work, could have seen how the leaven of religious life and teaching gradually worked its results among the people, if you could have realized as we have done, the special answers to earnest, believing, prevailing prayer, and could have been present at the conversion of these poor Bulgarian people, and heard their testimonies and listened to their songs of rejoicing, you would join in the doxology with which we celebrate the work of God in our midst.

"These young men are already learning what it is to be 'persecuted for righteousness' sake.' One of them, a bright, intelligent man is employed in one of the largest dry goods establishments in the city. He is entirely independent of his parents for his support and he is highly esteemed and trusted. His father, however, was so incensed at his becoming a Christian, that at different times he has attempted to take the life of his own son. The young man was advised to go elsewhere to live until the frenzy of his father and the opposition of his

mother had somewhat abated, but he declined that advice, saying:— 'No, not yet. They are my parents and I love them. Though they feel offended with me now, perhaps the Lord may soften their hearts and lead them to see that I am right. I will stay with them. I cannot take back anything that I have done ; this they must understand. But I may yet influence them perhaps to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ themselves, or at least to believe that I am better and happier on account of the experiences which I have had.'

"His comrades have also been made to suffer from the intolerance of their parents and friends.

"The parents of these young men have, at the command of their bishop, gone from house to house among their acquaintances seeking to incense the populace against us, and endeavoring to induce the young men to recant and return to the Greek Church. Sometimes two or three of their priests go to their homes, at other times to their places of business, and try to persuade them to abandon the faith which they have professed. At other times, spies are appointed to watch them, to follow them to the church services, and to make report of what is seen and heard. But thus far the young men have remained true to their profession ; most of them have been compelled to leave their homes, but they have found good positions among their Christian friends and they have shown no sign of weakening or lack of fidelity to the cause which they have espoused. Pray for them that their faith fail not and that they do not become discouraged."

The violence of the persecution which these young men have experienced, has reacted in some measure, and has been severely condemned by the more liberal people of the community, and the effect which the constancy and fidelity of these young men has had upon the church is to increase the interest and quicken the zeal of the membership. The Epworth League, the Sunday-school and the Missionary Society, all manifest a more vigorous life than ever before, and the church services are better attended and more impressive and inspiring than they were before these experiences.

The father of one of our students has been repeatedly cited before the ecclesiastical authorities, and great pressure put upon him to induce him to withdraw his daughter from our school. A friend of the family, who is himself a member of the Greek Church, wrote to the young lady saying : "Do not let any one persuade you to leave the school in which you are placed. Of all the religious sects the Protestants are the clearest in their teachings and the most consistent in their faith, and if any one wants to be sensibly religious let him join the Protestants."

The missionary spirit is being thoroughly instilled into the hearts of the Loftcha people. The Epworth League has contributed twenty dollars towards the support of a girl in the school next year, and the school girls, by the sale of needle and crochet work and the proceeds of an entertainment, earned thirty dollars for the same purpose. While the auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has given the same amount towards the support of a native Bible-woman. We commend the example of these Loftcha Christians to the careful consideration of many communities in the home land.

The school in Hotantza is prosperous. The attendance is larger than that reported last year. The character of the work is satisfactory and the prospect for the future is full of promise.

Here, as elsewhere, we find that the work of the Bible-women is almost invaluable. The pastor in Lomi bears eloquent testimony to the efficient services of the Bible-woman who was appointed to that district. She has visited constantly among the people to whom she was appointed to minister, and her coming to any home is always an occasion for rejoicing. Through her instructions and as a result of her efforts a number of families have been converted and have joined the church.

Apparently there is an opportunity to greatly extend this kind of work in the surrounding villages. The visits and services of the Bible-women would be gladly welcomed.

Four years ago a conference organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was effected, and it has served to stimulate the interest and add zeal to the efforts of the workers throughout the mission. Last year forty dollars were contributed by the organization for mission purposes. As a matter of course it was all expended in their own local work. It is reasonable to expect that the interest in this work will increase as the disinterested labors of the missionaries come to be better understood and appreciated.

The Bulgarian work has had a checkered career. At times there has been some doubt as to whether it could be successfully maintained. But the results above reported amply justify the efforts that have been made to sustain and perpetuate it. The work deserves more than our words of approval and sympathy; it needs the affirmative support of the Society.

Those who are conducting it will be cheered by our messages of appreciative interest, and their efforts ought to be supplemented by a financial support, as generous as the resources of the Society will justify.

MRS. F. P. CRANDON, *Official Correspondent.*

ITALY.

Organized as a Conference, 1881.
Woman's Work Commenced, 1886.

MISSIONARIES.

EMMA M. HALL. M. ELLA VICKERY.

IDA M. BOWNE.

Miss Hall, who is in charge of the school at Via Garibaldi, writes: "We are encouraged by the fact that as the school becomes more widely known and the excellence of its instruction is appreciated, the number of pupils applying for admission is constantly increasing. For the most part the students come from intelligent families, those who entertain what are denominated 'liberal principles,' and who are least liable to be affected by the arguments or controlled by the influence of the priests. Even these people, however, in some instances, patronize the mission school at some risk to themselves, their freedom not infrequently being menaced, and their persons being at times liable to assault.

In 1898 six girls were taken from the school under some pretended authority. Three of them were returned to their homes and the other three were placed in some Romish institution. This year under the flimsiest kind of pretext, four girls have been wrested from us and placed in an institution not far away, and which has been established for the express and avowed purpose of receiving students that have been forced out of Protestant schools and as the papers put the case, 'especially out of Methodist schools.'

Notwithstanding all of this opposition, we have had a prosperous year. The number of students in attendance has increased. The school work in all the classes has gone on regularly and several of the girls have successfully passed the Government examination in their respective grades.

Instruction in choral singing has been added to our curriculum and the quick ear and good voices of the students render them apt pupils. Their musical training will enable them to render valuable service in the churches after they have returned to their homes. While they are under instruction, they become familiar with the church hymns, they learn to sing and play our Methodist tunes, and enthusiastically accept the sentiments which the hymns express. These girls will by and by be of invaluable assistance in the work of the Protestant churches.

A few Sabbaths before the last session of the annual Conference, seven of the girls in the school were received into the church and a little later one of the brightest and best of them was married to a young priest who has been converted to Christianity and who has been made pastor of a small village church, about five hours distant from Rome. She goes to her new life and new field of labor, the subject of many earnest prayers, asking that she may be divinely guided as she assumes the duties of her husband's work and that she will become a blessing to the people to whom she ministers.

Arrangements were made at the time of the last annual Conference for the maintenance of a mid week evening service, and for a regular Sunday evening as well as a Sunday morning service.

The recently appointed Bible-woman has made the acquaintance of the people living in her district and has distributed among them little cards of invitation to the religious services, with the result that some persons from outside the home have been in attendance at nearly all of the services. Occasionally some of the students accompany Mrs. Tognotti in her house to house visitation and thus acquire some practical training for active church work. They become familiar with the needs of the people and learn how to render the best kind of service and in their efforts to help others, their own religious experience is more and more firmly established."

Miss Hall suggests that if it were practicable to take the time for writing out the facts, it would be both interesting and encouraging to give something of the subsequent history of those girls who have been instructed in the school, and who were brought under the influence of Christian teachings, after they have gone into the world and have taken up their several avocations and note how they have affected the social and religious life by which they have been surrounded. She has made extensive inquiry along this line concerning these girls, she is able to render a most gratifying report.

Miss Tognotti has been serving as Bible-woman in connection with the school in Via Garibaldi. She has induced many persons to come to the school, some to engage in worship, others to come for instruction. So successful was she in this special work, that her methods attracted the attention of the Roman Catholic officials and such attendance at the religious services of the school was forbidden, although there were no objections offered to the visits which Miss Tognotti made to the homes of the people. This work she has continued and to much profit. She has distributed among the people many copies of the Scriptures, which seem to be read carefully and to be greatly prized.

Miss Mando, who has labored in connection with the mission for

many years, still continues in the service. She is a Sunday-school teacher and conducts a special class at the Isabel Clark Crêche, where she meets the mothers who come with the children.

Young Ladies' Institute.—No better presentation of the work done in the Young Ladies' Methodist College during the year can be made than to quote from Miss Vickery's report.

"First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

"In spite of bitter opposition, the Young Ladies' College has had from its opening, a healthy and continued growth.

Reports that the school was to be closed, when Miss Igleheart and Miss Basye returned to America, had been diligently circulated, during the summer; but the pupils came back to the school, when these reports were found to be untrue, and before Christmas all our rooms were filled and we were compelled to refuse many full-paying applicants.

A little later, the Jesuit leader, Pio De Mandato, began a bitter campaign against the Institute; on January 26th, before an audience of influential English residents, and on February 2nd, before an Italian audience, he berated the school and its teachers, enraged particularly by the fact that it was drawing the "*more influential classes into the Protestant heresy.*" To quote the official report: "Father Pio De Mandato earnestly urged all present to join in the work of a League for the Preservation of the Faith, formed by the express wish of His Holiness, Leo XIII., to oppose the Protestant propaganda; his eloquence aroused the zeal of all present, as he showed them how they would please God, render service to the Church, and save their own souls, by joining the League and working with zeal for its propagation."

The rules and regulations of this league, with the long list of spiritual indulgences, granted as bribes to all who would identify themselves with its work, were sent to every family having a daughter in our college. Nor were indirect means of opposition lacking. The English nuns opened a rival school in our neighborhood, giving to it the same name as our own International Institute, offering the same instruction at lower prices. A monsignore kept up an active correspondence, all the year, with one of our most intelligent and liberal-minded pupils to prevent her being influenced by evangelical principles. Two girls who went home for the Easter holidays, were refused the absolution their parents forced them to seek, because they spoke in praise of a Protestant institution. False reports were spread concerning the school and its teachers, and several professors were offered higher salaries if they would give up their classes in the institute.

The loss of three or four day-pupils was the only apparent result of all these efforts. One of these day-pupils, the niece of a Roman

Catholic Archbishop, was compelled, by her uncle, much against her own will, to give up her lessons, she having become very much attached to the school.

The great increase in all branches of the school during the year, makes this small loss insignificant; two higher classes were added to the course of instruction, and two more teachers employed, making twenty-two in all.

The success of the school is due largely to the faithful co operation of these teachers, each in his own department. Of the teachers who resided in the institute, Miss Arnold, of Dayton, Ohio, who had charge of the English department, won the love and confidence of the girls in her department, and taught them in a few months to repeat Psalms and Bible-verses by heart. The Signorine Dobelli did most faithful and satisfactory work in the Italian department, and Mlle. Delord not only taught the girls to speak French, but through the daily example of a true Christian life, led both day-pupils and boarders nearer to Christ. She also gave valuable aid to the Young Woman's Christian Association in Rome, holding weekly services in French in their rooms. This service being the only Protestant French service in Rome, was of great spiritual benefit to the many French governesses and teachers in the city.

Thirty-two boarding pupils were received during the year, the majority of them Italians, coming from all parts of Italy, from Sicily, and from Sardegna. Attracted to Rome by the superior educational advantages, most of them come to take the Magistero and University diplomas, the highest given by the Government, and are fitting themselves to take leading positions in educational circles. Thus we have in the school the cream of Italian womanhood, girls who will influence the next generation, and could not desire better material on which to leave the impress of a Christian home. They come from families, nominally Roman Catholic, but largely indifferent to religious matters.

The day pupils numbered seventy-seven, this year. They represent the best class of Roman families and attend our Institute for the superior advantages it offers for higher branches of study, music and the languages.

The music school, directed by the celebrated Maestro Sgambati, aided by a corps of nine professors, the best talent in Rome, was frequented by forty-five pupils, and gave several recitals during the year before large audiences in our Methodist Church, doing honor to the professors and to the school.

A department for physical culture, an adjunct to a young lady's education almost ignored in Rome, was opened this year and promises

great development when the Institute can have sufficient room for a gymnasium.

Another innovation was the formation of an Italian Woman's Club, "The Propileo," which not only develops individuality of character and the literary talent of the girls, but also puts them in touch with the leading Italian women, and promises much for the future.

The discipline of the school was more strictly observed than in the two former years, with excellent results. No tone of discord marred the general harmony of the household nor disturbed the affectionate relations existing between teachers and pupils. The behavior of the girls has been most praiseworthy, as also their assiduity and progress in their studies.

Six of the boarders took Government degrees and diplomas last July, with grades that brought honor to the Institute.

For the spiritual development, the daily Bible study and family-prayers and attendance at the church services were continued regularly during the year. In order to give a religious service to the few whose parents feared to have them enter a Protestant church, a service was held in the Institute every Sunday morning by our Italian minister and all the boarders required to attend. (It is difficult to understand in America the horror some Italians have of merely *entering* a Protestant church; it means excommunication, with its consequent curses, and only those who have thrown off all fear of the spiritual power of the pope, dare to brave this curse.)

On Sunday evenings the girls all join in a prayer and song service, interspersed with conversation on spiritual subjects; in these informal meetings we try to understand the spiritual condition of each girl and to lead her into direct communication with God.

The results are already apparent; the indifference so marked at the beginning of the year has disappeared. There is no more sneering at religion as fit only for children and ignorant people, but an earnest spirit of enquiry and desire for light and spiritual growth. Many of the girls express frankly their sympathy with our evangelical sentiments, but we have thought it wise not to allow them to form part of our church, contrary to their parents' wishes, for it would only alienate the sympathy of their families. We are content that Christ is taking every day a larger place in their lives, and that their parents see and appreciate this spiritual development. The seed is sown; in His own time, He will give the harvest. Letters recently received from mothers who reluctantly put their daughters under Protestant influence, are full of gratitude to the Institute for the marked improvement in their daughters after a year's residence in the school. And what greatly sur-

prises us, knowing the influence brought to bear upon the families by the priests, *every one* of the boarders have asked to retain their place in the school for another year. Those who have taken diplomas, returning to perfect themselves in English and music.

The year has also been satisfactory, from a financial standpoint; the income from tuition paid by the scholars having been sufficient to cover all living expenses, gas service, repairs and other items, and to pay the salaries of twenty-one teachers. For every dollar contributed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for rent and furniture, nearly *four dollars* have come to the Institute from local receipts.

We have many applications from members of our own church who are unable to pay the required tuition, but are desirous of obtaining a higher education than the provincial towns afford. Though it is the desire of the Institute to become self-supporting, yet it is difficult to refuse these petitions when coming from intelligent girls full of promise; so we ask for one more scholarship of one hundred dollars for this year, meaning to keep the number as limited as possible. Topeka Branch has generously offered to take up this third scholarship, thus entering for the first time into active work for Italy.

Gifts have come to us from friends in Ohio, New York and Indiana, thus enabling us to buy a typewriter, a sewing machine, some schoolroom furniture, and to brighten the Christmas of several poor children. Words of encouragement and sympathy have also come from many others interested in our educational institutions in Rome.

Greater results would have been possible, had not the growth of the Institute been stunted by inconvenient and restricted quarters.

Our need for a suitable building for the school has become most imperative, and the development the school has had, notwithstanding its sunless and inconvenient quarters, is proof of its complete success when once it is established in a building more adapted to its purposes.

We have rented for the new school year two more apartments, but the applications for next year, coming in every day, are so numerous that, even with this additional room, we shall not be able to accept them all."

The necessities of the work in Rome, rendered the acquisition of new quarters absolutely essential. Much care and thought was given to the matter of a location and it was finally decided to purchase a site and building in the most desirable part of the city. The establishment of our work in this locality will be notice to every one that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has come to stay and speculations as to whether we may not at last grow weary of the effort to obtain a secure footing in this part of Italy and give up in despair, will be set at rest.

As yet only the first story of the building has been constructed. The interior will be arranged in such a manner as best to accommodate the work of the school and certainly with a view to permanence. The purchase of the property has been heartily commended by Bishop Walden and Dr. Burt, who are both thoroughly familiar with the situation and understand fully what our work there demands.

The current of public sentiment against clerical schools is growing stronger every day, The moment is critical; parents are looking for something better for their children than the schools of the priests and the nuns, and if we are not prepared to receive them we lose our best opportunity.

The assurance of a new home in the near future brings joy to our hearts and hope for the future, renewing our faith in Him who has promised "to straighten our paths."

It also means that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society intends giving the world another proof of its energy and faith in God, by erecting a Twentieth Century Memorial Building in the very centre of Romanism.

God has opened the way for great things in Italy. The young women who as teachers will have the most influence on the next generation, are seeking admittance into our Institute. Methodism cannot afford to lose the opportunity of giving them the spiritual impress of a Christian home.

No place could be more suited than the Eternal City, no time better than the beginning of the Twentieth Century for the erection of a building worthy of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Let me quote the Jesuit again: "We must destroy this school before it has placed deep roots, for all the girls who are drawn toward this heresy will easily influence their whole family and will themselves become mothers of families radically Protestant."

The far-seeing Jesuit is right. Already mothers who once feared our influence, finding their daughters purer in thought and kinder in deed, write that they have learned to love the school and its associations.

The promise is sure: "After the blade the full corn in the ear." Let us hold up our hands for three more years and the victory will be ours.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass."

Mrs. Clark reports for the day nursery:

"There are more than a hundred children enrolled on our books, with fifty or sixty in daily attendance. Most of these are too small to

be brought to the Sunday-school, although about eighteen attend regularly. As there are about forty other members in the Sunday-school, it is safe to calculate that something of evangelical influence touches at least eighty families. The religious instruction given each day in the nursery is bearing fruit. Instances have come to our knowledge of cases where the children returning to their homes at night have reproved the mother for her use of the rosary and her prayers to the Madonna. However, we are not trying to fight the Roman Catholic Church, that would be a fruitless task. We are simply trying to teach the children about Jesus and His love, and when they have learned that lesson there will be no more fear of their wandering away into the Catholic fold.

"It is necessary that we should continually be on our guard, however. On the next street to the Nursery, the nuns have opened a Crêche corresponding exactly with ours. Each day the black robes sweep by our door and sharp eyes look out from under the heavy veils at the women who are bringing their children to us. Every week children are removed from the Nursery with one excuse or another, and we find out that the priest has made his influence felt in the homes. But others come to fill their places, and the matron assures me that we could easily have an attendance of two hundred, had we room for them or people enough to take care of them."

MRS. F. P. CRANDON, *Official Correspondent.*

KOREA.

Woman's Work Commenced, 1885.

MISSIONARIES.

MRS. M. F. SCRANTON,	MARY M. CUTLER, M. D.,	LULA E. FREY,
*LOUISA C. ROTHWEILER,	ELLA A. LEWIS,	MARY W. HARRIS,
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MRS. ROSETTA SHERWOOD HALL, M. D., WOMAN'S HOSPITAL, PYENG YANG.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. G. H. JONES, *Chemulpo*, MRS. W. A. NOBLE, MRS. E. D. FOLWELL, *Peng Yang.*

*Home on leave.

SEOUL. During the year three of the missionaries in Seoul have been compelled to leave on account of much needed rest. Mrs. Scranton went to Europe with her son. The editor of the *Korean*

Repository says of her: "Mrs. Scranton arrived in Korea in June, 1885; purchased the present prominent site where Ewa school stands early the following year; erected the large Korean house which this year gave way to the stately and splendid two story brick building for the school. She was instrumental in locating the Woman's Hospital in Chong Dong. Was absent in the United States in 1891–2, since which time she gave her undivided attention to direct evangelistic work mainly in connection with the Talsung church, Great executive ability, disinterested devotion, burning zeal, kind, thoughtful and patient, Mrs. Scranton has drawn to herself many Korean women who look to her as the best friend they have here. The scene when she left was most touching. Many of the men and women, church members, walked three miles to the river, crossed over in boats and there on the sand was repeated the scene of St. Paul when he took his leave of the elders of Ephesus, they kneeled down, prayed, wept sore, sorrowing most of all in the thought that some of them might see her face no more."

Miss Frey and Miss Rothweiler have both returned to America. Miss Rothweiler was virtually the pastor of Baldwin Chapel, and upon leaving, the superintendent said it was exceedingly difficult to find any one to fill her place.

We are pleased to state that the completion of a part of the new building of the girls' boarding-school in Seoul has removed many of the trying circumstances under which Misses Paine and Frey have been laboring. Both the girls and their teachers now have comfortable studying and sleeping accommodations, and proper kitchen, bath and dining rooms are in prospect. There is nothing in Korea like the large, nicely appointed school-rooms of the Ewa Haktang. Certainly the pupils can work and study better in these pleasant, well ventilated rooms, and the wear and tear upon their teachers will be much lessened. This substantial brick building is a great object-lesson and means of education in itself. One of our church women after being shown over the entire building said she realized that because she was a Christian she had the privilege of seeing this, to her, most beautiful building, and she asked in all earnestness if heaven could be more beautiful! Already there are many anxiously awaiting the completion of more dormitories, that they may enter the school this fall. There are several applications from districts in another province. Some promise to pay for all their clothing, others for part of their food in addition, and still others are quite willing to pay all expenses. There are forty-two boarders and five day pupils in the school.

The Tal Sung day-school is in charge of Miss Pierce, who also spends a half-day in the class rooms of the Ewa Haktang. Miss Pierce

was given nearly the whole of her first year to study the language, and is a bright example of the wisdom of this plan. The West Gate day-school has nine pupils enrolled. Miss Paine thinks its success is perhaps not so much in numbers as in the aggressive work done in the neighborhood.

During Mrs. Scranton's absence Mrs. Sherman and Miss Pierce have had charge of the evangelistic work.

Miss Lewis has charge largely of the evangelistic work at the Chong Dong and Chong No charges. She speaks of political excitement, and the presence of the Royal Guards so near Chong Dong church, as chief among the hindrances to the work.

Miss Lewis says the Bible-women who visit the country have by no means an easy time; one was detained in the street two hours by an intoxicated man, who held her tightly, until she was released by a passing soldier. Another one was struck with a piece of wood. Many have been driven away from houses they had entered uninvited. But they have all done good work, and have destroyed many fetiches, samples of which they sometimes bring Miss Lewis.

In the Medical Department Dr. Cutler has charge of the hospital called "Salvation-for-all-Women Hospital." The wards of this hospital are occupied by an average of ten patients always. There is no good operating room.

Dr. Cutler says: "The hospital wards have been constantly occupied by from three to twenty-five patients, the daily average being ten. Sixty-seven Korean women and children were treated; some stayed but one or two days while others stayed for months. Year by year the demands upon our hospital accommodations and force of helpers is increasing, and it is now quite evident that a new hospital with larger rooms, hygienically arranged, and including accommodations for our sick missionaries, is a necessity.

"Besides the cases treated outside of the regular hours, we have treated twenty-nine different foreigners, over six hundred Koreans, and a few Japanese and Chinese. These have come for treatment 2,200 times. The highest number of patients in one day was thirty-six. In one of the villages I visited where Sarah, Mrs. Scranton's Bible-woman had, for seven weeks, been teaching the Bible, the Catechism and some of our hymns to the women, I found the people were so happy in the Christian faith that they were going from place to place telling the good news to strangers, and trying to interest their friends. During the nine weeks in the country I treated about two hundred and fifty patients.

"I believe that among our Christians we now have suitable and available material for making native trained nurses, but we have no one to 'train' them."

CHEMULPO. The only day-school on the Chemulpo circuit is under the care of Mrs. Jones at Chemulpo. There are ten girls and a thirteen year old bride enrolled. Three Bible-women are employed, and work is organized in eight villages.

PYENG YANG. Woman's Dispensary of Extended Grace.

Dr. Hall writes: "During eight months I have made 2,173 visits in both dispensary and out-practice. Not a large number, but with no one to share with me in it, or the kindred duties of looking after the household, improvements and repairs, the accounts and correspondence that such a work involves, I do not need to tell you it has kept me busy. About one-fifteenth of the total attendance is Christian, very few are Roman Catholics. Only one in forty read, yet we have sold 196 books and 39 Calendar sheets. We tell the women if they can't read themselves they can get their husbands or sons to read to them, and in this way quite a number of men have also become interested in the good news. We have given away some 100 tracts and 400 picture-cards with Bible verses written upon them.

"Susan No is my right-hand helper in all the work. She conducts a service with the patients in the waiting room before dispensing, sells the books, and later helps me with compounding the drugs, cleansing and dressing the surgical cases, and accompanies me when needed in my out-calls. She also teaches Korean composition in the girls'-school and has helped some in the woman's training class. Neither Susan or I have personally been able to follow up the medical work in the homes of our patients as it should be done, having made but eighteen visits when not called professionally. Aside from Susan I have had a Bible-woman only about half the time; she reports 107 visits. There is no trained native help available as yet in Pyeng Yang. 'Dora,' who gave promise of becoming good help, is now employed in the girls'-school. Another need in our evangelistic work is a place to put patients who need to remain with us for treatment.

"Many who have come from far do secure board at an inn or with friends, and are thus able get on fairly well so far as the sickness of their bodies is concerned, but I realize more than ever that it is the in-patients rather than the dispensary patients that get healed in soul.

"I am glad to report this year that I have been able to make a couple of country trips that have proved very helpful to the women. Our first visit was about twenty-seven miles from Pyeng Yang, only a small neighborhood, but we had from twenty to thirty-five in regularly to our teaching and on Sunday fifty crowded in, and we had a most profitable time. Our second trip we taught in eleven different houses holding two and three, sometimes four woman's meetings daily. The women listened

intelligently, and in a number of cases were easily won for Jesus. Among the country women of this whole circuit there is a great harvest ready to be reaped. 'Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.'

"It is my desire to gather the blind children of Pyeng Yang in a class at our day-school, and to have a room in the children's wards where blind children can live while they are studying. One little blind girl whom I have taught to read, will soon be ready to assist in teaching others. 'I will bring the blind by a way they know not. I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.'"

Of the evangelistic work Mrs. Folwell reports: "The Industrial Class in the girls'-school meets every Thursday morning, and those who have been regular in attendance have done well. Helen, my Bible-woman, visits the homes of the women probationers, learning whether they are regular in attendance upon our week-day and Sunday services, and urging them to study the Bible and Catechism. If they excuse themselves by saying they do not know how to read, I tell them that Helen will teach it to them orally, at the same time urge them to come to the probationers' meeting. Since January I have made forty-one visits, thirty were to the homes of probationers. Helen has done good work, having made more than 275 visits to the homes of the people, and has sold 113 Christian books.

"The Bible Training-class for women is well attended. It was a great pleasure to me to see the earnestness with which they applied themselves to study. The work is most encouraging, but far beyond the ability of the present force."

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE, *Official Correspondent.*

AFRICA.

Woman's Work Organized 1899.

MISSIONARY,
MISS CORA ZENTMIRE.

No sooner was this field open for woman's work than three young women believed themselves specially called to Africa. In December the Northwestern Branch sent out Miss Zentmire. She journeyed alone from the Madeira Islands and did not reach her destination in Angola until June. She is now engaged in an orphanage at Quessua, near Malange. The country is wild. Hyenas and deadly serpents

abound and twice Miss Zentmire has had African fever. Her letters are full of courage, and her faith strong in the Lord who has called her to this great, needy field. Early this year Miss Josephine Mekkelson of Alta, Iowa, will sail for Mhambane in East Africa.

M. S. HUSTON, *Official Correspondent.*

REPORT OF THE WORK IN SWITZERLAND, AND NORTH AND SOUTH GERMANY.

We are not permitted to report a large increase in the receipts of these three Conferences, but in the German Conferences there is even a small decrease of $21. This, however, is no sign of a lagging interest, but must rather be ascribed to the unfavorable circumstances. The officers have done all in their power to further this work and have so far succeeded, that there is more interest shown and the work is done more intelligently. We hope the fruits of their efforts will be gathered next year and the treasury will show an increase. The leaders tell us, however, that the members are taxed to the utmost. The Missionary Society is striving to make the work there an independent one and the strain on our members, who are mostly poor is great. It is difficult for them to meet their apportionment and as to extra gifts for the W. F. M. S , they must be extra gifts indeed, and gained by the most rigid economy and self-sacrifice. But the sisters love to do something for this cause, even if it can be but little and since the Lord blesses the widows' mites, we are glad that they are permitted to help.

In Switzerland we have an increase of $10. In Thalweil, a village on the lake of Zurich, the large sum of $86 was raised. The treasurer writes concerning this place: "You will see that Thalweil takes the lead this year; we have a dear, consecrated, very busy housewife there who does a wonderful work for the W. F. M. S. This sister wrote: "We love to distribute leaflets which help to further the interest of the W. F. M. S. and inspire the members of the auxiliary. We read the German Woman's Missionary Friend and have mite-boxes, which we empty every six months." How much one really consecrated woman can do for this work! The story of Subunagam Ammal, which was translated in the German Friend has been the means of great blessing to the readers in these Conferences.

The report of the South German Conference says: "We are thankful to God for all He has done for us in this part of our Mission. The sisters in our Conference become more interested in their sisters in

heathen lands year by year. No doubt this interest would be greatly increased in all parts of our fatherland, if they could hear everywhere the splendid lecture Mrs. Bishop Walden gave us during the session of the South Germany Conference. She spoke with a heart full of love for the poor women in heathen lands and of their awful life. Her loving words carried a blessing to the hearts of all those that heard her speak. The collection that was raised at this meeting amounted to 30 marks."

The Conference Secretary of the North Germany Conference tells of a number of auxiliaries and how they are interested in this work and do what they can for it. She expresses a desire to have the visit of some one who might speak to the auxiliaries and encourage them in the work, as they read of such privileges that the women in this country enjoy.

It is wonderful how the work of the W. F. M. S. is kept up in these places in spite of the hindrances, but it is surely God's work or it must have perished long ere this. As to literature, the sisters had but little this year: only the *Friend* and the Annual Report, which were very much appreciated and also the tract on footbinding, which was translated this year. They pray very earnestly for the missionaries they read about and God surely hears their prayers and blesses the gift and the givers.

This report would not be complete if we should not mention the work of our Bible-women, or Deaconesses in Switzerland and Germany. It is impossible to enumerate all the good they are doing. The ministers appreciate the kindness of the W. F. M. S. in giving them this help very much; for they could not employ these efficient helpers without this aid, and a number of new places have asked through the Conference for similar aid in appointing these Deaconesses. The statistics and the letters cannot give us a complete idea of the work these Bible-women are doing. They are the pastor's right hand in visiting the sick and caring for their bodies as well as for their souls in a way that only a woman can do. Many a time their ministrations have led whole families from the paths of sin to the feet of Jesus and under the protecting care of the Church. They are giving their special attention to young girls who are alone in the world, earning their living far away from the protecting care of their homes. These are so apt to fall in the snares of bad people, the Bible-woman gathers them weekly into her plain home and tries to be a mother to them as far as she may, and often she had the joy of seeing such girls turn to the Lord and accept Him as an ever present friend and helper.

Christmas time and all through the hard winter these blessed women are busy gathering garments from the houses of the wealthy and fitting them over and bringing them to those that are the most in need

of such and other help. The Lord gives His blessing to such ministry and though it is not strictly foreign work it is often done among veritable heathen in a Christian country.

We hear from our sister, Caroline Schoelch, who is in England learning the language in order to be ready when she is old enough to be accepted as a missionary, that she knows English now and hopes soon to be able to enter a preparatory school.

The W. F. M. S. teaches us not to despise the little things, but to thank the Lord for them and even for the least progress, and we are glad therefore to know that the women in Germany and Switzerland are helping to gather the mites and pray that soon the kingdom may come and every nation on earth know that the Lord is God.

PH. ACHARD, *Official Correspondent.*

Report of Home Work.

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The home work of the New England Branch has been characterized by an unusual degree of earnest activity, untiring devotion and a spirit of harmony which has been a real joy of heart and inspiration all through the entire year. The number of Conference and District Secretaries and Conference Treasurers has been complete—an unusual and gratifying fact—while their fidelity and devotion to the work has added greatly to the success of the year. The work of the itinerary has been more thoroughly extended than in any previous year, involving large pecuniary outlay, much careful planning and oversight, as well as toil and travel for the speakers who have filled their appointments most faithfully, in storm as well as when the elements were favorable for comfort and convenience. Drifting snow storms, drenching rains and furious gales have been encountered, but in nearly every instance the appointments have been filled. Miss Danforth, with her stirring appeals, strong personality and wide experience, has done grand service. Miss Harvey, quiet, undemonstrative, but persuasive, convincing, instructive, has labored most successfully, as her time could be given to the work. Miss Butler, too, has responded to numerous calls in addition to the arduous responsibilities and duties of Home Secretary and family cares. Mrs. Harrison has been in demand nearly all over the Branch, and responds most cheerfully, carrying sunshine and good cheer to young and old. Miss Glover, too, and Miss Knowles have contributed time and effort according to strength and opportunity. And dear, faithful Mrs. Butler has as usual responded to many special calls—imparting knowledge, inspiring zeal, enthusiasm and self-sacrifice for this work so dear to her heart. Others, too, have helped on this line. For all these services we are profoundly grateful, and invoke the divine benediction on each and every one, without which all will be in vain.

As the result of this seed-sowing, there has been an increase of membership, which if retained may be reckoned as a permanent gain. But this has involved a very heavy expense for the Branch. And we are not sure but we should give more definite effort to developing home talent in our auxiliaries, accepting these special helps as accessory agencies and not principal factors in promoting intelligent missionary spirit and effort.

We make grateful mention of the courtesy of *Zion's Herald* in giving space for items of interest pertaining to the work of our Society.

It is gratifying to report an increased subscription list to the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, so that now we number one copy to every five members in the Branch. The subscriptions to the *Children's*

Friend and *German Friend* have decreased, but we have gained 225 copies on *The Study*.

The depot of supplies has been most faithfully cared for by its enthusiastic agent and the sales have been very fair, but we long to see our literature in far greater demand among our members. We have a loan library which is beginning to be quite well patronized. If our receipts from this agency are not large the fault will not be with the agent, who spares neither time nor effort to make this an indispensable factor in our work. The prayer meeting held midway between the regular monthly board meetings has not a large attendance, but we believe is had in remembrance by multitudes in their homes, and the influence must be felt in our work at home and in the field as well. Mite-boxes have been in increasing demand during all the year, and there is a growing interest in the missionary boxes. We are convinced that these messengers are twice blest—blessing those who give as well as those who receive.

The Thank Offering of the Branch has been a marked success as will be seen by the Treasurer's Report.

Two of our missionaries home on leave at the last General Executive Meeting, have returned to their respective fields. Miss Nichols left in January and is in charge of the college in Lucknow during Miss Thoburn's absence. Miss Glover left for China in April, preferring to spend three months at the sea-shore there to remaining in New England, for health reasons, and reports herself as improving, as she takes up the duties of the Sarah L. Keen Memorial Boarding-school in Tientsin. Miss Hemingway, our new missionary for Singapore, left the last of November, arriving in early January and is doing well in the language, and adapting herself very happily to the work, about which she is enthusiastic.

The Branch Annual Meeting held in Lawrence, Mass., was one of the most interesting, most largely attended and most profitable meetings ever held in the Branch. Such a kindly, loving spirit prevailed in all the business sessions, the devotional—everywhere. We seemed to feel in the very atmosphere the "Lo, I am with you," and so this annual meeting will be long remembered by all who were present, both old and young, as a "feast of good things."

We believe our two missionaries were special gifts in answer to prayer. Miss Organ has been for years not quite settled as to where God wanted her, whether in this land or some other, but has kept up a continuous preparation for service somewhere, when she should know His will. So when the urgent need of our own Mrs. Parker was pre-

sented, this was the special call, and she accepted. And we feel sure that this appointment has the Divine sanction.

And then when Miss Thoburn came to us at our July quarterly meeting and presented the imperative needs of the work in Lucknow, and the fear that Miss Nichols might be overworked again this pressed with great weight on mind and heart. But with a depleted treasury what could be done toward meeting such an emergency? Miss Thoburn suggested a call for help through *Zion's Herald* which was made with "much fear and trembling" we confess, for were not visions of an empty treasury in our night experiences as well as in our day plannings? How our unbelief was rebuked when very soon came the response from an unthought of source, "I will assume this amount asked for," and so Miss Stearns goes as a substitute for this Miss Nichols. And we gathered in that "upper room" at the close of the "Monday Preachers' Meeting" to greet these dear missionaries—to give them our God-speed and commend them to His loving care and protection.

We have three accepted candidates in Folts Institute, and are praying that there may come such an increase of earnestness and zeal upon the womanhood of our church, that our funds shall be so largely increased as to make it possible to send to the field all who are responding to His call, "There Lord am I, send me."

As we come to this mount of observation reviewing the year—the thirty years of our history—and lift the telescope of faith for a little outlook into the coming twelve months, our heart-cry becomes, "O, for a faith that laughs at impossibilities" and sings of conquest, with our feet pressing on His word.

"Ask what ye will in My name, and it shall be done unto you."

Mrs. L. A. Alderman, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance October 1, 1898	$ 717.67
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1898 to Oct. 1, 1899	34,020.64
	$34,738.31
Temporary Loan	7,200.00
	$41,938.31

Remitted to India	$ 9,340.00	
" " Malaysia	725.00	
" " Korea	2,150.00	
" " China	8,700.00	
" " Japan	3,770.00	
" " Bulgaria	75.00	
" " Italy	295.00	
" " South America	1,923.75	
" " Mexico	1,890.00	
" " Africa	32.00	
Home salaries, outfit and passage of missionaries and medical supplies	3,327.12	
Contingent fund expenses	3,365.90	
Disbursements		$35,593.77
		6,344.54
Annuity Fund		4,000.00
October 1, 1899. Balance		$ 2,344.54

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The Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, New York Branch, was held in the M. E. Church, Herkimer, N. Y., October 18–21, 1898.

We entered upon our thirtieth year with increased responsibilities, but with faith that, "Our God is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever," and that having become workers together with God, if we are faithful to our trust, there can be no failure or want of success.

We are rejoicing with hearts full of praise and thanksgiving, assured of signal success and increased interest in all our Conferences. Our Conference Secretaries report an increase in auxiliaries and members. This is especially gratifying as upon the prompt collection and payment of membership fees, we are dependent for our quarterly remittance of funds for the foreign field.

We are very thankful for the special donations and bequests received during the year. They come to us as sunshine on our pathway: tokens of love, reminding us that our confidence is in God, "who is able to do abundantly above all we can ask or think."

There has been a large increase in special work—Orphans, Scholarships and Bible-women. The letters received about this special work and circulated in the auxiliaries, have greatly increased the interest in missions and missionaries.

Our Quarterly District Meetings and Conference anniversaries have been seasons of influence and profit. The reports from the Conference Secretaries are full of encouragement.

Our thank-offering has brought us joyous and generous response from many of the auxiliaries, and we believe has brought us closer to Him who has promised to "supply all our need."

The anniversary at Ocean Grove was held as usual; and we are grateful to Dr. Goucher for his earnest address at this meeting. We are sure seed was sown that will produce much fruit.

The "International Missionary Union," held at Clifton Springs, is a special blessing to the New York Branch, and we are grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Foster for this annual gathering of returned missionaries in our Branch.

We are glad to report increased interest in the organizations of Young Woman's Societies, Children's Bands, Light Bearers, and co-operation with mission work in the Epworth and Junior Leagues.

Miss Glenk, who left us for Kiukiang, China, reports her safe arrival and earnest study of the language. She signs herself "Your Happy Girl."

Miss Loper is busy with the girls in Bareilly Orphanage. Already the patrons have received reports from her. Miss Maxey returned in March to her work in Calcutta and was gladly welcomed.

Our Department of Supplies is increasingly helpful. No part of our missionary work is more important than the circulation of our literature. Every auxiliary should co-operate with this department.

We must continue our appeal for the increased circulation of the "Friends" and the "Study." Every member should feel her responsibility for the support of the papers, endorsed by the name of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and so helpful to its interests.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total receipts for year ending September 30, 1899	$62,377.68
Balance on hand October 1st, 1898	492.34
	$62,870.02
Total disbursements for year ending Sept. 30, 1899	$62,870.02
Foreign disbursements for 1899:	
India	$28,592 95
China	11,229.77
Japan	7,587.00
Korea	3,664.44
Mexico	2,200.00
South America	5,850.00
Italy	1,670.00
Bulgaria	190.00
Norway	100.00
Africa	125.00
Foreign total	$61,209.16
For Medical Education	80.00
Branch contingent funds	1,580.86
Total	$62,870.02

MRS. J. M. CORNELL, *Treasurer.*

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The history of the Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the past year has been very far from a monotonous round of giving and receiving gifts. Perhaps never before have our anxieties been so deeply stirred or our ingenuity so thoroughly taxed as in the last ten months.

When the payment for the second quarter became due, we needed $7,200 more to meet it than the treasury contained. We sent out an appeal stating our needs and asking for prayer and practical help. We delayed remittances and sent partial payments. Our anxieties in a greater or less degree continued until the close of the year. After a time a spirit of earnest prayer and a mind to work became diffused through the Branch, and on September 30th our year closed with all obligations met and a balance of over $7,000 in the treasury to meet the first quarter's payment of the new year.

Our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving, and we reverently say with the Psalmist, "Blessed be the Lord, because He hath heard the voice of our supplications; the Lord is our strength and our shield; our hearts trusted in Him and we are helped; we sought the Lord and He heard us and delivered us from all our fears. They looked unto Him and were lightened and their faces were not ashamed."

At the close of the annual meeting at Williamsport every worker felt that she went back to her home to do better and harder work for the spread of Christ's kingdom. The thrilling narration given by Bishop Foss so soon after his return from his round-the-world journey of what he had seen with his own eyes and heard with his own ears of the triumphs of the Gospel in India, and the character and success of the work done by this Society, gave every one a new inspiration. The encouragement received at Williamsport was probably intended by the loving care of our Father, to prepare and carry us through the difficulties that followed. "Every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit."

The success of the past year could not have been accomplished without the loving coöperation and diligent work of the Conference and District Secretaries. They have lightened the burdens by making them their own, and the love for and confidence in each other make the work a joy and adds strength to all the parts.

In the foreign field a few changes have been made. Miss Heafer was transferred from North India to Bombay Conference where she assisted Miss Hyde in the school at Jubbulpore, and made it possible for the latter to take a much needed vacation. She then took charge of evangelistic work. Miss Illingworth, who accompanied Miss Heafer on her return to India, was born in Burma, had studied several years in

this country, and was appointed to Rangoon. She is deeply interested in the religious welfare of her scholars, and being familiar with the language and character of the people her influence extends beyond the schoolroom.

The Memorial School at Tientsin, unoccupied for so many months because no teacher speaking Chinese could be spared from her special work, is now in charge of Miss Glover and Miss Shockley. It was opened soon after the first of September with 33 little Chinese girls, whose feet were unbound, making a start toward Christian womanhood and Christian home life. Some of these can hardly walk yet, their parents having just unbound their feet when they knew they could come to school. Dr. Benn was so happy over the event, long the desire of her heart, that she wrote immediately a word of rejoicing congratulation.

The low condition of our branch finances through much of the year brought out some most touching and beautiful acts of self-denial from our own dear missionaries. It was alms done in secret, with a wish that none should know but the Father in heaven, and the one with whom it was necessary to make arrangements. One offered to renounce half her salary, others offered a quarter's payment, another took on additional work that brought her money, that she might continue a school which was ordered closed for lack of funds. The sympathy and prayers of these blessed young women have been given to us in our need. The petitions from both sides of the world were freighted with the same burden, and our Lord hearkened and answered.

Several specially interesting features have occurred in different parts of the field: Dr. Hodge inoculating over 5000 people against the ravages of the plague; native teachers entering with heartiness into our efforts to economize in Japan; the hospital work of Dr. Hu, now restored to health; the beautiful spiritual work done by our noble women in Mexico—will leave a record that will shine more brilliantly in heaven than on earth. We have every reason to be glad and proud of our missionaries. They are not doing work that attracts the eyes of the multitude like our soldiers in the Philippines and Cuba, but they are also helping lift those who sit in darkness into the light of life. They are building up a womanhood in dark and distant fields that will place the next generation far in advance of the past centuries and make them worthy to enter the universal brotherhood of nations.

The Philadelphia branch is supporting 18 missionaries, 237 scholarships and orphans, 43 teachers and assistants, 17 schools, 58 zenana visitors and Bible-women, and has destributed 1721 mite boxes.

MRS. S. L. KEEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 1, 1898.	Balance on hand	$ 5,094.56
	Total receipts from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899	35,592.67
		$40,687.23
	Total disbursements for year	33,470.83
October 1, 1899.	Balance	$ 7,216.40

CONTINGENT FUND.

October 1, 1898.	Balance	$ 185.15
	Total receipts for year	838.85
		$ 1,024.00
	Total disbursements	804.85
October 1, 1899.	Balance	$ 219.15

DISBURSEMENTS.

To North India	$2,729.00	
Northwest India	1,740.00	
South India	592.00	
Bombay	5,145.00	
Marathi edition "Woman's Friend"	250.00	
Baroda Orphanage	253.00	
Bengal-Burma	215.00	
Rangoon	183.00	
Malaysia	510.00	
Total for India		$11,617.00
To North China	$1,495.13	
Central China	1,069.99	
Foochow	1,150.00	
Total for China		3,715.12
To Hakodate	$2,253.87	
Yokohama	2,014.14	
Nagasaki	255.00	
Total for Japan		4,523.01

To Korea		$ 1,108.00
School Building, Seoul, Korea		3,000.00
Bulgaria		247.00
Italy		331.00
Mexico		4,800.00
Pachuca, Mexico		2,000.00
To Buenos Ayres	403.00	
Montevideo	348.00	
Total for South America		751.00
To traveling expenses of Missionaries		688.70
Salaries of Missionaries at home		525.00
Africa		75.00
Two thousand mite boxes		90.00
Total disbursements		$33,470.83

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There are other circumstances than the finding of the lost piece of silver that justify a woman in calling upon her neighbors, friends and associates to rejoice with her.

Baltimore Branch has had the most successful year in its history: more new organizations, more members, larger receipts and a larger

balance in hand than ever before, and may I not call upon you, beloved co-workers, to rejoice with me, while we recognize the source from whom all blessings flow ?

With profound gratitude will we "mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that he hath bestowed upon us." Praise God that he hath bidden the destroying angel pass over the homes of our Branch officers, and we are able to present to you the same names that were on our roll last year. Sore bereavement and oft repeated has come to some, but knowing that it was the Father's hand that held the cup they have not refused it, and acceptance of His sweet will has extracted its bitterness. Gratitude, too, to the noble band of Conference and District Secretaries who, with untiring energy and in complete devotion, have spent and been spent through heat and cold, that they might with rejoicing bring in the sheaves. Nor would we overlook one in the auxiliaries who—like "the men behind the guns"—have contributed to our fair record. We give grateful recognition to our Sister Rudisill for her cheerful response to every call she has received and for the many members she has added to our list. Also to Dr. Goucher, Dr. and Mrs. Correll and Mrs. S. L. Baldwin for their valuable services. We find general interest in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society throughout the Branch was never so good. The readiness with which pastors vacate their pulpits that the work may be presented ; their ringing words of approval, and their hearty greetings as their churches are opened for our quarterly and district and annual meetings are an encouragement, and contribute to our strength. Meetings have been held at many of the camps, and anniversaries at two Conferences with excellent results. The Easter service is said to have been the most beautiful and impressive of any that the Branch has held and the offerings larger. With one exception an annual meeting has been held in each district, uniting the auxiliaries more closely and the members more lovingly to their District Secretary. Among the sources of inspiration we would mention copies made of missionary letters and distributed among the auxiliaries, as well as those coming direct from the missionary to patrons of special work. Mite-boxes have been freely distributed and they are pouring their wealth into our treasury—one district, Washington—giving from this source $500.

The same amount has come from that wonderful basket—Miss Amelia Thomas'. The dollars have been picked up, chiefly, by consecrated needles and consecrated crochet-hooks.

A most delightful surprise came to us in $1,539 from Mrs. Lee's estate. We had previously received $1,000 and feared that was all we would get. Nineteen Christmas boxes; valuable all of them, some of them very large were sent off with many a prayer in May, and we are now receiv-

ing grateful acknowledgment of their arrival. Young women's work that has never received the attention that should have been given it, is now in the hands of two most efficient superintendents, and children's work that has in Baltimore languished somewhat in consequence of Mrs. Baltee—its devoted leader for so many years—being obliged to lay it down, has been accepted by another who has proved her fitness for the position and we look confidently to a great revival of interest on the part of the children. We are gaining—not so rapidly as we wish—Little Light Bearers, and this not from lack of attention on the part of those who have the interest in charge, but from failure of auxiliaries to have an energetic agent. Our five missionaries have been kept in health and are in labors abundant. Our humiliation is the meagre patronage given our department of supplies, and that we are so far from our goal—a subscriber to *Woman's Missionary Friend* for every five of our members.

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899	$ 18,289 19
Disbursements	14,560 47
Balance, including Bal. in Contingent Fund from last year	$ 3,878 89

FOREIGN DISBURSEMENTS.

INDIA.	North	$ 1,340 00
"	North West	1,119 00
"	South	2,356 00
"	Bombay	380 00
	Total for India	$ 5,195 00
CHINA.	North	$ 165 00
"	Central	139 00
"	Foochow	855 00
"	Hing Hua	425 00
	Total for China	$ 1,584 00
JAPAN.	North	$ 103 00
"	Central	1,798 00
"	Southern	220 00
	Total for Japan	$ 2,121 00

KOREA.	Seoul	$ 775 00
ITALY.	Rome	150 00
MEXICO.	Mexico City	80 00
		$ 9,905 00
Miscellaneous disbursements		3,803 84
		$ 13,708 84

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Three decades have passed since the Cincinnati Branch made the first step in this "Woman's work for woman," by organizing for service in this new crusade. It was a day of small things, requiring faith and courage. Year by year it has grown, not spasmodically, but in a healthy life. Each year has shown the receipts to be a little in advance of the previous year, and this year has been no exception to the rule, marking the highest in our Branch history, though last year the treasury was enriched by a gift of $5,000. The bequests of this year amounted to $1,300.

The year has been filled with active, earnest work, amid some things that might discourage workers of less persistent faith. Beginning the year with the depression of a debt, a new thing in our history, with no decrease in our appropriations, and no prospective bequests or large gifts to lighten the load, tested the fiber of our loyal membership. True yoke-fellows they have proved themselves to be, who serve faithfully in evil as well as good report, and so a year of faithful effort has been crowned with a greater degree of success than we had dared to hope. Our debt is not wiped out but it is thankfully recorded that it is disappearing, and soon will be a thing of the past. We have labored under difficulties that would have been impossibilities to any but the consecrated women who compose the Conference and District Secretaries. Almost every Secretary has had serious personal or family affliction, and has carried heavy burdens in addition to what this work required, yet nothing has been neglected. There has been commendable work in organizing, a large increase in membership, an advance in the distribution of literature, an awakening in some quarters to the possibilities and the duty of training the children in this most unselfish work, and what has been done gives a rich promise of future development. Mite boxes have been distributed as never before; 8,565 were sent out during the year; the amount collected during the year reaching $3,385, an average of 40 cents each. Missionaries on home leave have given freely of their time and strength, and Dr. Donahu's work is especially mentioned as rich in results. There seems no waning interest in any line of work. The Annual Branch meeting was held in Trinity Church, Cincinnati, where the Branch was organized, and was a large and enthusiastic gathering, recalling to some most vividly the day of small beginnings years ago, also the few who remain of that first gathering to attend missionary meetings.

One notable feature in this year's history is the number of missionary candidates. Thirteen names have been sent to the Committee on Candidates during the year, and a number are anxious to go as soon as possible. It has not been thought best to present many of these names

to the Society, until there is a prospect of sending them out. It is a serious question why this state of things should exist. Believing as we do that when God calls any one to foreign service, he also calls on others to send, why is it that when our coffers are empty so many are coming forward asking a place to serve? Do we keep both sides of our shield bright, or pray and work fitfully, not bringing both interests to our Father with equal earnestness and faith ?

But we turn from the busy home-field, from our gleaning workers, to the wider one where, through the transmuting powers of God's blessing, our pennies are turned into gold, and where, again and again, every promise has been verified, that is given to those who "sow beside all waters." Twenty-eight missionaries are representing the Branch in foreign fields to-day, nine are at home, some on health leave, some for needed rest, and some waiting for the means to send them back to their fields where they are sorely needed. Early in the year Misses Blair and Scott left for their respective fields. Later Miss Carver was sent to Naini Tal, and in August Dr. Emma Ernsberger to Korea: her appointment made possible by special gifts from German Methodists. Miss Ayres returned to Mexico after a short health trip, greatly improved. Misses Widdifield and Keeler leave the work in answer to persuasive calls for service in another form of missionary work.

We close the record of another year in deep humility; deeply regretting that we have not toiled better, and yet praying that our poor offering will be accepted by Him whom we serve, and that our weakness may be supplemented by Almighty power, we go forward "in His name" to better work, truer consecration, pure, joyful service. As loyal subjects of our King we cannot withhold our best offerings, whether of love, or time, or of gold. So once more "we address ourselves to our journey" of conquest. Our royal commission "Go ye into all the world," our "Magna Charta" the promises of God.

MRS. B. R. COWEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in hand October 1, 1898	$ 195.48
Receipts from October 1, 1898 to October 1, 1899	45,117.58
	$45,313.06
Total expenditures for year	44,842.30
Balance October 1, 1899	$ 470.76

DISBURSEMENTS.

India	$17,600.00
China	5,000.00
Korea	1,850.00
Japan	9,053.00
Mexico	2,700.00
South America	1,700.00
Italy	250.00
	$38,153.00
Salaries of Missionaries at home	1,264.25
Expenses of Missionaries	1,976.67
Miscellaneous expenses	1,348.38
Amount paid on debt	2,100.00
Total expenditures	$44,842.30

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In a spirit of grateful thanksgiving, devout gratitude, and almost jubilant rejoicing, the Northwestern Branch brings the report for the year which has just closed.

The responsibilities which were assumed by our Branch one year ago, though greater than in any previous year, have been fully redeemed. When the report was sent out through the length and breadth of our territory the women girded themselves for the work and their faithful labors, noble sacrifice and sincere devotion were honored of God and crowned with success. Never did any cause have a grander or more loyal constituency than that which composes the Northwestern Branch. Like the Old Guard of Napoleon, they go forth only to victory.

The meeting of the General Executive Committee at Indianapolis last year, was a blessed uplift to the Society in Indiana, more than one of those upon whom the burden of entertainment fell giving voice to the wish that they might have had the pleasure of opening their homes and assuring the Committee that the latch-string at Indianapolis is still out.

Early in the year we sent four young women to service in the Master's harvest field. Miss Burman went to India, and is now at Brindaban with Dr. Emma Scott. Miss Longstreet is in Foochow, Miss Forster in Asansol. And we made our first offering to Africa, and gave Miss Zentmire, who is in Malange Angora. Early in the present month, Miss Ella Manning sailed for China, to take up work in that needy station, Chung King. To-day we have eight young women waiting to enter the service, four of whom will receive their commission and be on their way before the Christmas chimes shall ring.

A month ago it hardly seemed possible that we could undertake to send out so goodly a company at this time. One of our Conference Secretaries, who had heard from time to time the appeals for more workers, as the appeals were read in the meetings of the Executive Board, and who knew of this splendid force at home, only waiting for the command to go, and confident that He whom we serve and who has promised to supply "all our needs," appealed to her colleagues in raising a special fund for this purpose. Notwithstanding the fact that but little more than one month of the fiscal year remained in which to press this appeal, nearly one thousand dollars was secured in money and pledges. In one Conference from which two young women will go, the Epworth Leagues have assumed their outfit and traveling expenses; and at our recent Annual Meeting, pledges were made by Conferences and individuals to the amount of $4500. This sum we expect to realize from a week of self-denial and prayer and have designated the second week in December as the week to be thus observed.

We are glad to report an increase of 338 subscribers to the Mission-

ary Friend, and a letter received from a Conference Secretary contains this encouraging statement, that at a district meeting just held she appealed to them to make an increase of 100 in their subscription list and they promptly agreed to make it 300.

The other periodicals of our Society report an increase in subscription, though not so marked as in that of the Friend.

Our thankoffering day was richer in results than ever before and with truly thankful hearts we report an offering of $17,749.22.

Our efficient Literature Committee have performed their work with as much faithfulness as if it had been their own. The table with our literature attractively displayed upon it, and a competent woman to recommend exactly the book or leaflet needed, has been in evidence at most of our district and camp meetings.

They have issued a small book of missionary hymns, of which they have sold about 8000 copies. A complete set of record books for the use of the auxiliary and district officers has been added to our publications and have met with a good sale. As a result of their efforts they report sales amounting to $1558, while they have sent out from Branch Headquarters packages of supplies of every variety. This sum, which the Committee reports does not include the sales at our Branch Meeting, which were $225. It gives me pleasure to report that seventy-five copies of the memorial of our "Sainted Phebe" were sold, and three hundred and fifty calendars.

At the last annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northwestern University, it was ordered that two students, who should be nominated by the candidate committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and whose purpose it should be to prepare themselves for mission service under the direction of the Society, might receive instruction in the University, free of charge. We appreciate this offer of the Trustees, and trust that it may enable some worthy young women to prepare themselves more efficiently for this important work.

The claims of Lucknow Woman's College, as presented to our people by Miss Thoburn and Miss Singh have awakened the interest and enthusiasm once more, and gifts to the amount of more than $1500. have already been received, of which $1000. is the generous gift of Mrs. Bishop Ninde. We greatly desire at an early day to complete the endowment of the Northwestern Branch professorship, to which Miss Singh is assigned. We are proud to call Miss Singh our own missionary, and as such she is known throughout all our Branch.

The Annual Meeting was a memorable meeting. Many prayers had been offered that it might be a meeting over which the Holy Spirit should continually brood, and their prayers were truly answered.

The reports of the success which had attended the labors of our missionaries, the contributions which had enabled the Branch to meet every dollar of its obligations and the consecration and fidelity to which every one pledged themselves to service for the ensuing year were assurances that "the next year shall be as this year, only much more abundant."

The successes in which we are all rejoicing constitute at once our encouragement and our embarrassment. The logic of the situation is that all our lines of work must be advanced, and as we think of the work of the year to come, we ask as did the great missionary apostle, "Who is sufficient for these things?" We find comfort and hope in the assurance that God "has chosen the weak things of this world to confound those which are mighty" and strengthened by this glorious promise that "this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he heareth us; and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petition that we desire of him." In this confidence and faith the Northwestern Branch goes forth to service.

MRS. F. P. CRANDON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance, Oct. 1st, 1898	$ 4,829 36
Receipts Oct. 1st, 1898 to Oct. 1st, 1899	87,893.00
Total	$ 92,722.36
Disbursements	92,687.19
Balance Oct. 1st, 1899	$ 35.17
Vouchers, Isabella Thoburn for Lucknow College	$ 1,397 55
Mite Boxes	4,872.46
Thank Offering	17,749.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

India	$ 34,334.00
China	20,822.00
Japan	10,300 30
Mexico	3,906.00
South America	4,715.00
Italy	4,500.00
Bulgaria	2,165.00
Korea	3,925.00
Malaysia	590.00
Switzerland	325.00
Germany	411.00
Africa	200.00
	$ 86,193.00

MRS. B. D. YORK, *Treasurer.*

DES MOINES BRANCH.

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Des Moines Branch records a year of growth not so much in numbers as in gifts, efforts and enthusiasm. Pushing forward our work we have found

> "In this hundred-gated Thebes,
> Every chamber is a door—
> A door to something grander,
> Loftier walls and vaster floor."

Our income has not increased largely, but our debts are paid and a small balance is encouraging. The sale of some land and a small annuity were quite a help. One devoted missionary placed in the treasury $150 as a thank offering, and another donated her outfit, passage and support.

A week before her death Mary Ashton wrote us, "I am dying of consumption—the end is probably near. I cannot send another girl to China, but God will. I enclose a check for $225, the remainder due for Helen Galloway. My estate is large, my missionary estate, I have none of my own; I think my sister may send you $300 next year." Then she folded her tired hands and went home to heaven and rest. While we mourn for the loss to us of this sweet saint our souls go out to God in a great longing that her mantle may fall on hundreds of our young women, so they may learn as she did what one frail girl can do to hasten the coming of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus.

The largest thank offering we ever had came into the treasury to build a memorial in Hyderabad, India, in honor of our treasurer, Mrs. E. K. Stanley, who for twenty-five years has filled this office. Her silver anniversary at annual meeting was a delightful occasion. There were greetings and congratulations from our president, Mrs. Foss, and from the ten sister treasurers of other Branches and twenty-five roses from her associate Branch officers, a quilt, a slumber robe and silver service from those who had long known and appreciated her faithful labors. The address was made by her long-time friend and co-laborer, Mrs. Mary C. Nind.

This good annual meeting was enriched by the presence and addresses of Misses Griffiths and Otto, Lilavati Singh and Dr. H. C. Stuntz. One incident of the meeting we mention with much thankfulness. The vote on the next year's appropriation had been taken and though $45,000 had been urged by some, it was so large an advance that the majority felt that $42,000 was enough. Miss Singh was introduced and told of the poverty of her people and what Christian missions were doing for them in uplifting them and blessing their lives. The charm of her manner and her convincing words won every heart. Some one moved a reconsideration on the vote for the appropriations and then almost unanimously $45,000 was pledged for the coming year.

Miss Maskell, of Kolar, India, and Miss Thoburn addressed our district conventions and conference anniversaries to the edification of all who heard them. We are very grateful for the help received from them and from Miss Griffiths.

Early in the year Miss Meyer came home broken in health, leaving a mourning mission in West China. Miss Todd soon followed and not long after the heart-breaking intelligence came that Miss Galloway was dangerously ill. Not before, to our knowledge, had one station been so afflicted, but the Lord, who is plenteous in resources, has already supplied the more laborers needed. Miss Manning sailed last month and Dr. Ketring and Miss Decker, from our Northwestern neighbor, will soon follow her.

Last month Miss Otto arrived from Hirosaki, not ill, but very tired and greatly in need of a vacation. Miss Griffiths has been very anxious to return to Japan, but her health was too uncertain and she has spent many months of the year in a sanatarium. Misses Wilkinson and Elicker have returned joyfully to their respective fields. Our new missionary for the Foochow orphanage, Mrs. Tippet, was ill with the prevalent fever at the time of sailing and has not yet fully recovered.

We believe that India is enriched by the addition of Miss Samson to the Calcutta girls'-school, and Miss Gregg to the training of Bible-women in Muttra. Miss Gregg will be self-supporting.

No station seemed ready in Africa for Miss Mekkelson and she has possessed her soul with what patience she could, praying always for an open door. Two of our Conference Secretaries have resigned, Mrs. Hagerty and Carter. Many tears mingled with theirs that they were obliged to lay down their work.

In subscriptions to the Woman's Missionary Friend we have only held our own, but on each of the other three publications we have made a good advance.

The year has been full of blessings and we have learned more than ever the value of the hundred fold promise to those who give up all and seek first the kingdom of God. Bishop Warren tells of an impressive statue in South America. Two thousand women had gone into a church to celebrate some festival, a fire broke out and the priests escaped through doors that opened inward. The frightened throng pressed frantically against the doors whence none could escape and all perished. A monument was erected to commemorate the sorrowful event. It was a woman kneeling on a pedestal with head thrown back and hands stretched heavenward as if appealing to the only source whence deliverance could come. So through another year we have heard the despairing cry and seen the empty hands of heathen womanhood reached out to us for succor from evils worse than literal fire. We have engaged in the holy endeavor to cure their bodies, to win their souls and to teach their daughters the way of life and salvation. It is by far the most transcendent work ever intrusted to woman's hands, and if we may, "Lord, we will serve another day."

MRS. M. S. HUSTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1898	$ 2,158.10
Receipts from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899	36,006.25
Total	$ 38,164.35
Disbursements	35,961.50
Balance on hand October 1, 1899	$ 2,202.85

DISBURSEMENTS BY COUNTRIES.

India	$20,468.75
China	8,077.50
Japan	4,070.00
South America	550.00
Mexico	1,230.00
Italy	200.00
Contingent	1,365.00
Total	$35,961.25

MRS. E. K. STANLEY, *Treasurer.*

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota.

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Minnesota.
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SUPERINTENDENT OF GERMAN WORK.

Mrs. Ph. Achard, St. Louis, Mo.

The Minneapolis Branch has just closed one of the best years in her history. Soon after its beginning a glad surprise came in the form of a kind letter from a noble woman, expressing her appreciation of the work we are doing and enclosing a check for one hundred dollars. Another hundred came in from one of our German friends, and another from the sale of property given us by Mrs. Vane. Aside from these no large gifts or bequests have been received. The last year's receipts contained two bequests of $1,000 each, making our last treasurer's report somewhat larger than it is this year. The sheaf we bring to this harvest-home festival represents the faithful work of many diligent gleaners. To these patient toilers in Auxiliary and Band and Young Woman's Circles we are largely indebted for the success which crowns our work this year. Some of these have stood loyally at their posts under difficulties, and amid many discouraging circumstances have snatched victory from seeming defeat. But we are still more indebted to our efficient officers in Branch, Conference and district, and especially to our Branch President whose faith has never faltered and whose labors have been unceasing and most fruitful in results. She secured a hearing for the first time for us before the Nor-

wegian-Danish Conference where she presented our work and was given a generous collection, some of the pastors expressing the hope that their women might ere long join our ranks.

The Swedish Auxiliary, organized two years ago, has kept steadily on its way. Not one monthly gathering has been omitted, and in spite of the fact that they have no literature in their language, most interesting meetings have been held. The one English-speaking member has aimed to be present at each with some fresh information which the pastor, who is always there, has translated into the Swedish tongue. This pastor, Rev. John Swenson, in arranging the programme for the Annual Conference in his church this year made, unsolicited, a place for the Society and invited us to fill it. We are sure that here is an uncultivated field which we must enter in the near future and possess. When once these Methodist women become as intelligent concerning our work as our German sisters are we may find them just as valuable to it. It is always a pleasure to refer to our German constituency. Nearly one-fourth the membership of our Branch come from the German Church, and in all our meetings they are one with us. We know no difference, and in one of the most important committees at our recent Branch meeting three out of the five composing it were Germans.

Hereafter they will be represented in the field by their own missionary, Miss Martha Nicolaisen, German born and bred, a beautiful, noble, cultured, Christian woman from the Deaconess-Home in Cincinnati, was kindly given over to our Branch and is now under appointment for China. In the month that will pass ere she is to sail she is visiting and speaking in the German churches and winning hosts of friends. She adds to her other acquisitions that of music, and felt that an organ would be a great help to her in her work. But how to get it ? After some thought and prayer, but with not a little hesitancy, Mrs. Joyce wrote to a German Methodist organ-manufacturing firm and just as quickly as the mails could bring it came back the response, the organ shall be given, sent securely packed and cased in tin. Only another evidence of how much more we might have for the asking. We are reminded again how the Master said, "Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name. Ask that ye may receive."

But the greatest blessing of the year has been the home-coming of Miss Rouse. She had been gone from us more than five years, and amid the most trying experiences had written such bright, hopeful letters that our people all knew her and welcomed her with delight. She came in April ; in May she attended five district meetings and was then ordered home for rest during the summer. But she found it impossible to resist the urgent appeals which continued to come, and

every Sabbath found her at some church in her vicinity pleading for China, and by the middle of August she was out on itineraries which lasted till the year closed, with three Conference anniversaries and the Branch annual meeetings. Altogether she made seventy-five public addresses, organized five Auxiliaries, and received $535 in collections. Besides this at the close of one meeting a lady came to her and taking a diamond ring from her finger gave it, asking only that her name be not mentioned in connection with it.

On the last evening of our Annual Meeting Mrs. Nind gave one of her inspiring addresses. Miss Rouse told the story of the ring and the need of a Deaconess for Penang, and in a few moments $118 were laid upon the altar. Miss Rouse, Miss Blackmore and Bishop Joyce had each, in turn, thrilled us by their presentation of the needs of our sisters in the Orient in the preceding days or evenings of the session and on each occasion a generous collection had been received. Besides this, Miss Rouse brought the offerings of her girls and women's auxiliary in Kucheng, in the form of silver and lacquer ware from the sale of which she placed $110 in our treasury.

The year had closed and we were in session at our Annual Meeting when we had the joy of greeting for the first time Sophia Blackmore, our beloved missionary from Singapore, whom we had called our own for twelve years.

Miss Blackstock has had a year of great success in the Industrial School in Tokyo and sends a most urgent appeal for us to continue our work for the women of Japan.

Early in the year Miss Abrams asked and received consent to sever her connection with us that she might more consistently identify herself with the non-denominational work in the Ramabai Home. She had given twelve years of excellent service, and we parted with her with regret, but rejoice that her good work for India's women will still go on.

Meantime we have a most promising representative in India this year in the person of Miss Helen Ingram, who reached Lucknow from England early in January, and in February was sent to Bareilly, where she has been assisting Miss Wilson in evangelistic work, while perfecting herelf in the language.

Miss Martin, our only representative in Penang, has been continuing her study of the Chinese, and has gained sufficient knowledge of Malay to teach in it, has supervised the large day-school and made the beginning of a boarding-school which now contains eight pupils. Word comes from those who have seen her that she is much worn and must speedily be reinforced.

We regret to note a slight loss in our subscriptions to the *Woman's*

Missionary Friend notwithstanding the fact that we, this year, had our place among the quarterlies. However enough subscriptions were taken at the Annual Meeting to more than retrieve the loss; and still one in four of our English-speaking members take the *Friend*. There has been a slight falling off in the *Children's Friend*, though that delightful little paper still reaches 1,143 happy children in our Branch.

The Frauen Missions Freund has 567 readers in a membership of 725. If our English constituency would do one-half as well, we should have not only the 30,000 asked, but twice that number of subscribers to the *Friend*.

Our *Quarterly Review* has been published regularly and sent to every auxiliary in the Branch with reports of annual and quarterly meetings, plans for Thank-offerings and call for Branch Annual, thus serving as an inexpensive and direct medium between Branch and auxiliary officers.

The *Study* has had a largely increased circulation this year, 780 copies being taken.

We published 1,000 copies of our Branch Report and distributed 40 copies of the General Report. Last year we secured a complete file of our Branch Reports, which were placed in the Minnesota State Historical Society, as a permanent record of our work. This year we have placed another set in our Minneapolis Public Library.

The Reading Course has been adopted by a number of our auxiliaries with more or less success, depending upon the faithfulness with which it was pursued. Among the young women we introduced a Round Table for discussion of our work and workers.

Thank-offering day in March was more generally observed by the auxiliaries, because our Branch President instituted the plan of uniting in bringing the offerings from the two districts near headquarters to the April quarterly meeting. We asked for $1,000 and received over $1,500 from this source.

At our recent annual gathering a strong resolution was passed endorsing the 20th century movement, and pledging our Branch to raise its proportion of the $200,000. The resolution asked that 50 auxiliaries and 1,000 new members be taken as our aim and secretaries were called upon to pledge by Conferences; the result was not 50 alone, but 65.

Thus we enter the new year, with our banners aloft, bearing the motto: "Consecration, expansion, victory."

MRS. C. S. WINCHELL, *Corresponding Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance October 1st, 1898	$ 2,699 76
Receipts from October 1st, 1898, to October 1st, 1899	10,744 34
Total	$ 13,444 10
Disbursements	9,805 46
Balance October 1, 1899	$ 3,638 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

India	$ 3,031 00
Malaysia	2,287 50
China	2,180 40
Japan	1,430 00
Bulgaria	47 00
South America	33 00
	$ 9,008 90

MRS. C. W. HALL, *Treasurer.*

TOPEKA BRANCH.

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The sixteenth year of the Topeka Branch has been in many ways an encouraging one, and as we make a review, our lips would voice the gratitude of our hearts for the way the Lord hath led us. Our receipts

are one thousand dollars greater than one year ago, we number sixteen more auxiliaries, and an increase in subscribers to all our periodicals, though to the Woman's Missionary Friend, the gain is but fifty-six, about one seventh of our proportion of the thirty thousand.

The workers in our German Conference provoke us by their good works to greater endeavor; with a membership of seven hundred they have five hundred and forty subscribers to their Friend. The call for the mite box continues and eleven hundred were distributed through our Conferences during the year.

That the observance of the Thank-offering was general is evidenced by a doubling of receipts.

One young woman, now in the second year in the Chicago training-school, has offered herself for the foreign field, whom if approved by this committee, and the money is given us, we hope to send out as soon as her course is finished.

A gift of three hundred dollars comes from a friend for the erection of a building for a day-school in a village of Meerut district, Northwest India Conference; besides the school rooms will be living room for the teacher of the school, who will be supported from year to year by this friend. The house will be so arranged that on the Sabbath it can be used for the church services. Whatever we have accomplished, has been through our Branch workers, for we have had no missionary nor other outside help. We considered ourselves most fortunate in securing two missionaries of the general society for our Annual Meeting. Rev. G. C. Cobb, recently from Korea, and Mrs. Busby, who had the care of the first work supported by our Branch in Northwest India.

We begin the new year with less than two hundred dollars in our treasury, but our reliance is upon Him to whom belongs the silver and the gold and in His strength we go forward.

MISS MATILDA WATSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance, October 1st, 1898	$ 441.18
Receipts October 1st, 1898 to October 1st, 1899	14,824.04
Total	$ 15,265.22
Disbursements	15,087.22
Balance October 1st, 1899	$ 178.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

India	$ 6,030.68
Japan	2,385.00
China	2,990.00
South America	2,565.00
	$ 13,970.68

MRS. A. M. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

PACIFIC BRANCH.

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The year 1898 closed on a band of disappointed and sorrowful women on the South Pacific slope, because for the first time we were obliged to report a deficit in our annual report. "It must not occur again" and "not a word of discouragement must be spoken this year" was our rallying cry for 1899. Courage revived, hope kindled again, quickly followed by expectation, but yet despite all our plans and activities our mountain did not become a plain. A second year of drought was upon us, human help was failing us, and before the end of the second quarter, we were adding to, instead of diminishing our debt.

A day of humiliation and prayer was appointed; out of the depths we cried unto the Lord, and He heard our prayer and regarded our supplication. As we drew near to Him, we had clearer visions of duty and our eyes were opened to see new doors and our lips and pens were inspired to indite God's message in such a way that we now report the most blessed year of all our eleven.

An increase of 15 per cent. in auxiliaries and 20 per cent. in receipts in a year of great financial depression was an unmistakable answer to our prayers, that had gone up as incense before God on that beautiful first Sunday in June.

Our missionaries have been kept in health, and in their respective fields have done a good year's service.

Notwithstanding the report in the *Study* that Dr. Taft had left her work at Chinkiang, she has never for a day deserted her post.

Her work is hard and prosy and devoid of pleasing incidents, but with her loving heart and keen sense of humor, she always finds ready avenues for the exercise of both.

Miss Easton is closing her five years of service in the Sitapur Girls' school. She has carried the work with only native helpers all these years and has, we are assured, a model home and school. She has been greatly worn with her constant work and was obliged to take a vacation this summer, contrary to her usual custom.

In view of her constant labors and the serious illness of her mother, she has been given leave to return to America, which she will probably do after Conference.

Miss Marks has spent the year in trying to bring her school at Ajmere up to her ideal and in supervising and aiding many interests which do not naturally belong to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. After a year of unusual difficulty, her strength failed in August and she was ordered by her physician to the hills for two months of absolute rest. At last report she was improving and full of hope for the future. She has voluntarily relinquished one-half of her salary to furnish means for support of a new missionary to be sent to her aid. We are looking for a woman who will be a true helpmate to Miss Marks, and be to her a worthy successor when she is obliged to return home. The constant call for new workers and our inability to meet these calls, is a source of perpetual sorrow to us. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into His harvest.

We cannot close this report without making mention of the invaluable assistance of Dr. Homer C. Stuntz and wife at our Thank-offering service, whereby our people were greatly inspired and our funds were largely increased.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand October 1, 1898	$ 2.27
Receipts from October 1, 1898 to October 1, 1899	7,997.91
Total	$8,000.18
Disbursements	7,729.48
Balance on hand October 1, 1899	$ 270.70

Disbursements—North India Conference		$1,870.00	
	Northwest India Conference	1,985.00	
	South India Conference	145.00	
	Bombay Conference	900.00	
	Bengal-Burma Conference	915.00	
	Japan Conference	135.00	
	South Japan Conference	65.00	
	North China Conference	25.00	
	Central China Conference	633.00	
	Foochow Conference	225.00	
	Hinghua Conference	75.00	
	Korea Conference	40,00	$7,013.00

MRS. Z. L. PARMALEE, *Treasurer.*

COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH.

Includes Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, with Headquarters at Portland.

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Columbia River.

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Idaho.

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Montana.

MRS. F. A. GUILER, Meadow Creek, Montana.

North Montana Mission.

MRS. JOEL VIGUS, Chinook, Montana.

North Pacific German Mission.

MRS. AMALIA H. SCHNERT, Clarks, Clackamas Co., Ore.

Puget Sound.

MRS. WILMOT WHITFIELD, Fremont, Wash.

To the missionary workers of the North Pacific Coast the past year is one of marked interest in several respects. It completes a period of seven years in the history of Columbia River Branch, youngest of the eleven. We may sing the first of the Songs of Seven. Listen to its refrain.

"I am old! you may trust me,
I am seven times one to-day."

For the third time in our brief history the responsible office of Branch Treasurer has received a new incumbent, yet we have reason for gratitude that each has manifested business ability and faithful integrity which would honor any society. Our new Treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Whitney, in addition to the usual qualifications, brought to the work an assistant in the person of a son whose fine talents do not come amiss as bookkeeper to his mother, as Treasurer, thus greatly relieving the labors of that officer—a service which merits grateful recognition.

How shall I set forth the facts connected with our appropriation? One may not catch all the meaning in the bare outline here presented. By the advance voted at the Annual Meeting our pledges amounted to $1,000 more than the receipts of the previous year, yet so unmistakable had been the Divine message to go forward that no shadow of doubt lest the task prove too great has clouded our way. On that point it seemed absolutely impossible to fear. That is much, but behold what God hath wrought! Midway in the year came the call to one of our number to become a missionary, and before its close Miss Phœbe Parkinson had been sent to her new field of labor in Foochow, China. Under this additional demand we hardly dared hope for any considerable balance in the treasury, but not only is it true that the total amount raised is larger than any previous year, but there still remains for the work of the present year a greater sum than ever before. I cannot say through what channels all this was made possible. You remember the story of the artist toiling in vain to place on canvas his high ideal, and the angel visitant whose brush transformed the picture while he slept. Akin to that has seemed the experience of this year. Not unto us, not unto us, but unto God be all the praise.

The Thank-offering service was more generally observed than before in our history, and the offerings aggregated $600, the largest amount yet realized. In connection with this an unusual avenue was afforded for reaching the church membership in our territory. In token of the thirtieth anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society an entire number of the *Pacific Christian Advocate* was accorded for presentation of our work, the first instance of the kind, I believe, among the journals of the Methodist Church. The success of the new venture was assured by the generous response of contributors, East and West, Bishop, college president, editor, missionary and other literary friends, who gave of their best, and the publisher of our Woman's Missionary periodicals to whom we are indebted for the illustrations.

The year has also been distinguished by the presence of two missionaries to whose helpful efforts is largely due the increased interest in our cause. At the beginning Mrs. Arthur Prautch spent two months

traveling and presenting the needs of India through a region infrequently visited, adding a number of new auxiliaries to the list. For the last four months it has been our privilege to detain Miss Sophia Blackmore in the Branch as an honored guest, and, although in consideration of her need of rest no extended itinerary was planned, she has made herself and the Singapore mission dearer than ever to many.

But the year has not passed without its deep shadows. The roll of our departed is longer and includes names which stood for much in the work. The District Secretary of Idaho, whose territory covered that of the entire Conference, young, enthusiastic, efficient, is no longer with us. Another, an honorary member and brother beloved, a silver-tongued advocate, who in the midst of pressing duties was never too busy to plead the cause of missions at our bidding, was suddenly called from labor here to reward on high. Proud and happy had we been to claim one of the loyal line of Thoburns. Sorely do we miss the help and inspiration of our young Chancellor's presence and persuasive speech.

From over the sea Bishop Cranston bids the women of the North Pacific Coast "push the battle against indifference and stinginess," and adds, "All success to the devoted members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. I am sure that if the Church could see as I see, and feel as I feel about missions and missionaries and their wonderful influence for good, the treasuries would be speedily replenished, never more to lack." This message brings afresh to mind that behest of our Divine Master, "Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." With prayer for clearer vision, this shall be our aim henceforth.

MRS. A. N. FISHER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1898		$ 289.91
Receipts from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899		4,699.46
Total		$4,989 37
Disbursements—India	$1,645.00	
Malaysia	1,050.00	
China	180.00	
Japan	399.00	
Korea	10.00	
South America	50.00	
Outgoing missionary	276.00	
Incidentals	327.30	$3,937.30
Balance on hand October 1, 1899		$1,052.07

MRS. M. E. WHITNEY, *Treasurer.*

GERMAN WORK.

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California German.
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The remaining Conference Secretaries are also Treasurers.

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES,

MRS. PH. ACHARD, 7101 Minnesota Avenue, St. Louis.

"O, come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us come before His presence with thanksgiving!" This is the expression our thoughts must take, as we review the work of the past year. As the year rolled on we were constantly finding reasons for thankfulness. During the first months the Secretary of the Northern German Conference wrote that she had received $100 from a sister, then came the good news from New York telling us of the largest gift our treasury ever received from

the German constituency. I will quote the report of our East German Secretary in regard to this: "We rejoice over the thank-offering of $1000 from Mr. Knoechel of New York City who read an appeal of Miss Lebeus' in our German churchpaper, *The Christliche Apologete.* Miss Lebeus asked for the money to build a home for little girls who would be sold to idols if she did not take them in. She prayed to God about it and He moved Mr. Knoechel's heart. His wife was very sick and one day the physician sent for him and told him that she could not live twenty-four hours longer. Mr. Knoechel promised God then to give the money for this building, if his wife was restored to health. God answered his prayers and made his wife well again. The building will be called Frieda Home as a thank-offering for Mrs. Frieda Knoechel's recovery."

In the Central German Conference we would especially mention the auxiliaries in Cincinnati and vicinity, who have worked very diligently to make up their apportionment. The Conference has done remarkably well this year.

St. Louis Conference had a very good Annual meeting at the Conference and the Secretary was very much encouraged in receiving several invitations from the ministers to come and organize and with the help of God we mean to follow up these invitations this year. Several auxiliaries deserve mention, but the report would be too long.

West German Conference had a happy year. Two district meetings brought encouragement to a number of workers, one was held under especially difficult circumstances and it was seen there, that where there is a will there is a way. The results of these meetings were felt throughout the year.

The little California Conference as well as the North Pacific have done remarkably well this year. The Secretary of the California Conference writes: "The work has gained a place in the hearts and in one congregation, the sisters had a self-denial month from which they realized $19 and another auxiliary had self-denial week and gained $15; yea all the auxiliaries sacrificed something to make up the amount they did and we hope to be able to come to our apportionment in spite of the prevailing drought." If any Conferences had an excuse for not helping along in this work, these two are the ones: but they feel that they are helped by a Missionary Society and want to help others in the same way again and the Lord blesses them for their self-denying spirit."

The Secretary of the Northern German Conference has been working under such difficulties that she feels it would not be wise to continue any longer though she would gladly do so if she were able.

Mrs. Roth, whose mother has done the same work in the North Pacific Conference, will succeed her in this work. In this Conference the ministers take an exceptional interest in our work and help the Secretary as much as possible, especially in the District and Annual Conference Meetings.

They are trying a new thing there of which we hope for the best results: Miss Nicolaissen, formerly a German Deaconess, is to be sent out by the Minneapolis Branch as the missionary of the Germans and in order to get them interested in her she is traveling in the Conference for a few weeks before she goes to China to join Miss Lebeus.

The Chicago German Conference has a new District Secretary who is very zealous and has been doing good work in Chicago, trying to encourage the few interested ones and organizing in a few churches; she has good hope for the future and finds that there is a greater interest shown in the work than ever before.

The Northwest German Conference has had a very good year. The members are faithful and eager to help. Several new auxiliaries have been reported. The Secretary has done good work, traveling long distances in her buggy, at one time over a hundred miles to visit auxiliaries and organize a new one.

The idea of having a German Branch has again been considered by us and our workers, but we have come to the conclusion that it is best not to take such an important step as we can not yet see our way clear to do it. It would be a great help, however, if each Branch would give us a special object to work for, as the Minneapolis Branch is doing now. It would give the work a new impulse.

We are thankful that we can report an increase of $1215 besides the special gift of $1000, so we really have $2115 more than last year, which we look upon as a special gift of our heavenly Father, since very little traveling was done, none of our Secretaries being able to leave home much.

In spite of the difficulties which we encounter everywhere the letters and special gifts have given evidence of the increasing interest which our German sisters take in this work and we feel that the Holy Spirit can work this when the work done by our feeble hands is ever so little. Praise God for this assurance and may the coming year mark not only an increase in gifts, members and interest, but especially in a spiritual uplift of all those connected with us in this work, then the results for those in heathen lands must be great, for our prayers and faith will assure the success. May God grant us a glorious year!

PH. ACHARD,
Superintendent of the German Auxiliaries.

STATISTICS OF GERMAN WORK.

CONFERENCES.	Organizations.	Life Members.	Members.	Special Work.	Frauen-Missions Freund.	Wom. M. Friend.	Children's M. Frd.	Receipts 1898-1899.	Receipts 1897-1898.
Switzerland	40	..	1149	..	180	..	..	$ 497 41	$ 486 59
South Germany	35	..	600	2	317	..	..	287 85	290 25
North Germany	24	..	408	..		..	..	183 06	202 57
East German	19	..	568	4	439	13	97	1776 12	755 32
Central German	23	3	464	8	238	22	..	1213 85	920 98
St. Louis German	12	..	378	6	206	3	11	621 79	597 36
Chicago German	12	1	250	..	290	1	30	453 31	450 96
North German	30	36	655	..	567	23	40	1519 65	1119 78
Northwest German	25	2	481	6	344	6	10	805 99	651 84
West German	36	27	703	3	541	10	..	1418 95	1227 06
California German	10	2	82	8	87	1	..	392 73	275 50
North Pacific German	4	..	79	..	43	..	.	73 75	53 15
Miscellaneous	..	..	....	..	466	..	..	.....	.....
Totals, 1898 1899	270	71	5817	37	3718	79	188	9244 46	7031 36
Totals, 1897-1898	263	69	6131	36	3510	66	251	7031 36	.....
Increase	7	2	....	1	208	13	..	2213 10	.....
Decrease	..	..	314	..	....	..	63	.....	.....

PH. ACHARD.

HOME STATISTICS.

BRANCHES.	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Young Women's Societies.	Members.	Children's Bands.	Members.	Total Organizations.	Total Membership.	Conference Secretaries.	District Secretaries.
New England	475	12,056	46	1,019	159	4,111	682	17,186	10	32
New York	845	27,582	132	.....	.....	.....	977	27,582	15	44
Philadelphia	364	11,774	56	1,782	75	2,713	570	16,239	....	....
Baltimore	122	4,288	33	1,077	18	551	173	5,916	3	5
Cincinnati	827	18,390	120	2,710	134	2,514	1,081	23,644	9	42
Northwestern	1,149	27,814	103	2,241	126	3,344	1,396	33,603	11	69
Des Moines	569	13,039	40	1,155	45	1,079	663	15,273	8	34
Minneapolis	166	3,006	18	491	48	1,235	232	4,732	7	13
Topeka	304	5,841	16	363	20	263	340	6,467	12	31
Pacific	113	2,520	22	791	32	778	167	4,089	5	7
Columbia River	72	1,445	10	268	12	315	94	2,028	6	11
Totals	5,006	127,455	605	11,867	669	16,933	6,375	156,759	86	288

Report of Publication Committee.

Resolved, That we heartily favor the conduct of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, *Der Frauen-Missions-Freund*, the *Children's Missionary Friend* and *The Study*, that we recommend the reappointment of the several editors and pledge our co-operation in securing an increased circulation of all these publications.

Resolved, That after a careful consideration of the itemized report presented by our publisher, Miss Walden, we heartily commend her management of our publishing interests, and recommend her continuance in office for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That we recommend that the following salaries be paid for the ensuing year: To the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, $700; to the editor of the *Children's Missionary Friend*, $250; to the editor of *Der Frauen-Missions-Freund*, $250; to the Chairman of the Literature Committee, $400; to the Publisher, $700.

Resolved, That the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* be granted $50 for special contributions.

Resolved, That we recommend that an appropriation of $75, and in case of necessity a loan of $25 be made Mrs. Achard to aid her in providing German literature.

Resolved, That we congratulate Mrs. O. W. Scott upon the success obtained in bringing the *Children's Friend* up to a self-sustaining basis, and that we continue the grant of $100 for children's literature.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. A. S. Weed for his valuable services as auditor, and that we respectfully request his kind continuance of the favor.

Resolved, That we recommend that the Literature Committee be composed of Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Miss P. J. Walden, Mrs. J. H. Knowles, Mrs. O. W. Scott and Mrs. R. H. Pooley.

Resolved, That there shall be a Secretary of Literature elected by each Branch as early as practicable and the name of such Secretary reported to Mrs. J. T. Gracey. The duty of these Secretaries shall be to assist the Literature Committee through correspondence, by suggestions, by presenting the needs of their respective Branches and in any way the said committee may desire. It shall also be the duty of these Secretaries to advance the interests and increase the circulation of our publications in every possible way.

Resolved, That all books, leaflets, music, etc., designed for publication by our Society shall be presented to the Literature Committee by the Secretary of Literature from whose Branch they come and shall be subject to the approval of said Committee.

WHEREAS, A memorial has been presented to the General Executive Committee asking that the "Reading Course" be so selected that it harmonize with the "Study" for the year; and that the cost of the same be reduced; also expressing the hope that, in the near future, the Study be so arranged that more time be given to each country, and that the subject be thoroughly and systematically developed month by month. Therefore,

Resolved, That we endorse this memorial and request a favorable action upon it.

Resolved, That an uniform Twentieth Century Thank Offering service be prepared by the Literature Committee for general use and that each Branch add a supplementary leaflet setting forth the special object selected for its gift, and that this material be ready for use by January 1, 1900.

Resolved, That the year of appointment be added to the alphabetical list of missionaries and that the three lists follow in immediate succession in the General Executive Report.

Resolved. That we urge the Branch, Conference, District and Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries to give special attention to the circulation of our periodicals, and that all speakers addressing public meetings in the interests of our work take advantage of every opportunity to recommend them and secure subscribers.

Resolved, That considering the interest which is being awakened in special reading courses for our young people, we recommend that a missionary course, suitable for Junior Leagues, Missionary bands and all children being trained in mission work, be prepared by the Literature Committee, and that the *Children's Missionary Friend* be made a part of this course.

Resolved, that we recommend that 20,000 copies of the Secretary's Abridged Annual Report be printed, that they be paid for by the Branches and distributed as a free leaflet.

Resolved, That we recommend an edition of 3,500 of the Thirtieth Annual report.

Resolved, That we recognize the benefit and inspiration resulting from direct communication between missionaries on the field and workers at home, and that we request an increased publication of missionary letters and articles in the *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

Resolved, That we recommend the publication, in the General

Executive Report, of an itemized Treasurer's account which shall give the disbursements to the various countries, and that this statement be added to the home report of each Branch.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that we wish to add 8,000 subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Friend* in order to reach 30,000, that we recommend each Branch at its first executive meeting to formulate a definite plan in this direction, sending before January 1, 1900, the portion of the 8,000 she aims to reach, and that should the aggregated amount be less than 8,000 notice shall be published in the *Friend*.

MRS. I. W. JOYCE, *Chairman*,

MRS. D. C. COOK, *Secretary*.

Resolutions of Finance Committee.

WHEREAS, It seems very desirable that the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be properly presented in large public conventions of our church, through addresses and the distribution of literature, therefore,

Resolved, That we add to our list of Standing Committees a committee of three upon public gatherings.

Resolved, That we add to our Standing Committees one on railway transportation.

Resolved, That the salary of a missionary at home on leave shall be $350 for the first year, $300 for the second year, when her health prevents an earlier return ; and if a longer detention is necessary, her case shall be taken into consideration by the Executive Committee of the Branch supporting her, who shall make necessary provision.

Resolved, That all missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be instructed not to adopt any child as their own, and that they be asked to give a promise to keep this rule.

Resolved, That the preceding resolution be made part of the contract to be signed by the missionaries.

Resolved, That we agree to furnish our missionaries with necessary outfit, and $100 for furniture, if needed, the same to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Resolved, That hereafter the estimate for conveyances and munshis for teachers shall be included in the estimates for Bible-women and zenana workers.

Resolved, That hereafter the estimates for support of scholarships shall include the cost of fuel and lights, medicines, and any minor expenses that are included in the expense of maintaining the schools.

Resolved, That the Baroda Orphanage, which has been the work of Junior Epworth Leagues and Juvenile Bands during the past year, shall be continued under the same patronage, the Branches making provision for the forwarding of all funds collected for this purpose.

Resolved, That the recording secretary be requested to prepare the report of this Society to be presented to the General Conference.

(Signed) FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Report of the Missionary Candidate Committee.

The credentials of eleven candidates have been submitted to us: two from the Cincinnati Branch, one from the Topeka Branch, five from the Northwestern Branch, one from the Pacific Branch, one from the New England Branch, one from the Minneapolis Branch.

The committee having duly considered the credentials, presented by the New England Branch, of Miss Bertha E. Kneeland, of Bucksport, Me.,—now in training at Folts' Institute—we find her eminently qualified by character and mental endowment, for the work in the foreign field; and we recommend that she be accepted.

Having considered the credentials, presented by the Topeka Branch, of Miss Isabel McKnight of Gothenburg, Neb., we find them exceptionally favorable, and we recommend that she be accepted.

The credentials, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, of Miss Addie F. Keller, of McCutchenville, Ohio, have been approved and we recommend that she be accepted and, in accordance with her own request, be allowed to remain in this country a year for special training.

The application of Miss Beatrice M. Finney, forwarded by the Cincinnati Branch, has been examined, and we recommend that it be respectfully referred to that Branch for further consideration.

Your Committee begs leave to quote the following endorsement of the Committee of the Northwestern Branch concerning the next four candidates: "It is the opinion of this Committee that it rarely occurs to them to receive, at one time, four persons with such fine testimonials and so thoroughly prepared for Christian work."

The four are: Miss Eva Odgers, of Chicago, Ill.; Miss Emily Isabella Rogers of Colfax, Ill.; Miss Emma Estelle Martin, of Otterbein, Ind., and her sister, Miss Lizzie E. Martin of Otterbein, Ind.

We recommend that they be accepted.

The testimonials, presented by the Pacific Branch, of Miss Ella M. Holbrook, of San Francisco, Cal., have been examined and we recommend that she be accepted.

We have examined the credentials, presented by the Minneapolis Branch, of Miss Melissa Antrim, of Chicago, Ill., and we recommend that her case be referred back to that Branch, for further consideration.

Miss N. Miriam Decker, of Dixon, Ill., has already been accepted by the Northwestern Branch, and is under appointment to China. We recommend that she be accepted on the recommendation of the Branch Secretary.

The following have been accepted during the year, by the General Reference Committee and have been sent out :

Miss Phœbe A. Parkinson, Columbia River Branch, to Foochow, China ; Mrs. Susan Tippet, Des Moines Branch, to Foochow, China ; Miss Martha L. Nicolaisen, Minneapolis Branch, to Hing-Hua Conference, China ; Miss Carrie Dreibelbeis, New York Branch, to Central China ; Miss Eva Greggs, Des Moines Branch, to Muttra, India ; Miss Clara M. Organ, New England Branch, to Shahjahanpore, India ; Miss Mary P. Stearns, New England Branch, to Lucknow, India ; Miss Carrie Samson, Des Moines Branch, to Calcutta, India ; Miss Emma Ernsberger, Cincinnati Branch, to Korea.

The following were accepted at the May meeting of the General Reference Committee :

Miss Ella Manning, Northwestern Branch ; Miss Harriet E. Ewers, Northwestern Branch ; Miss Mary B. McKinley, Northwestern Branch; Miss Mary L. Rowley, Northwestern Branch ; Miss Mary E. Williams, Philadelphia Branch ; Miss Elizabeth Ruddick, New England Branch.

Mrs. H. C. McDuffee, *Chairman.*
Lydia H. Tilton, *Secretary.*

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

OUR THIRTIETH YEAR.

WHEREAS, The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has completed the thirtieth year of its history; and,

WHEREAS, That history is a marvelous record of success as evidenced by increasing results, both material and spiritual,

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge "the good hand of our God" which hath led us, and that we pledge ourselves to better, larger service as He shall direct.

FOLTS' INSTITUTE.

WHEREAS, In the good providence of God, the noble gift of the Folts' Mission Institute has been received by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and has closed its first year of successful work under the auspices of the Society; and,

WHEREAS, The training in all its departments is of a high order and admirably adapted to the needs of those preparing for missionary work;

Resolved, That we take this, our own school, upon our hearts and pledge ourselves to present its claims upon all suitable occasions and to direct the attentions of prospective students to its superior advantages;

Resolved, That the Society is deeply indebted to Mr. George P. Folts and his sainted wife for this most generous gift; and also that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. George P. Folts.

THE DARJEELING DISASTER.

WHEREAS, The sad news of the terrible disaster at Darjeeling, India, September 24th, has reached us, whereby nine of the school children with many of the natives lost their lives; and,

WHEREAS, Great injury has been done to the Arcadia school building, and great suffering has come to the hearts of our workers; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Executive Committee expresses the most poignant sorrow, and the most sincere sympathy with all who suffer.

Resolved, That we commend to the "God of all comfort" our beloved missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, so greatly bereaved, assuring them that our hearts suffer with theirs, and praying that the sustaining grace of God may abound unto them.

Resolved, That we tender our warmest sympathy to Miss Stahl, recognizing her heroic efforts for the safety of the children; and to Miss Perkins, in her self-sacrificing attempts to reach and aid her sister missionary, even at the risk of her own life.

Resolved, That we bow submissively to the will of God in this mysterious visitation, and pray for a most blessed revelation of Himself to those who have been made so desolate.

DR. BUTLER, BISHOP NEWMAN.

WHEREAS, In the all-wise providence of our Heavenly Father, our blessed and ever faithful friend, Dr. William Butler, who liked to be known as the father of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, has been called to the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

Resolved, That with profoundest gratitude we record our appreciation of his valued aid and loving counsels and of the great loss we have sustained, and that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

WHEREAS, The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has ever found a warm friend and ally in Bishop J. P. Newman, who now rests from his labors,

Resolved, That we hereby express our deep sense of loss sustained and extend our loving sympathy to our dear sister, Mrs. Newman, who has been so long and actively identified with our work.

MRS. RUST.

WHEREAS, Our sister organization, the Woman's Home Missinary Society, has been deprived by death of one of its most beloved workers and for many years its Corresponding Secretary,

Resolved, That we express our sincere sympathy and record our appreciation of the efficient service and exalted Christian character of our lamented friend and co-worker, Mrs. R. S. Rust.

PROTEST AGAINST ADMISSION OF B. H. ROBERTS TO CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, It has been proved beyond a doubt that Brigham H. Roberts, member-elect from the State of Utah to the National Congress, is an avowed polygamist and openly defies the law of the land; and,

WHEREAS, The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society stands for the purity and elevation of womanhood throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, We deem the recognition of Brigham H. Roberts as one of our law makers is a menace to our free institutions, a flagrant violation of the principles of the Constitution and a direct insult to the womanhood of the nation,

Resolved, That we enter our protest against his being allowed to take his seat in the National Congress.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the munificent gift of five thousand dollars to erect a hospital in Chung King from an ever good friend and benefactor, is received with devout thanksgiving to God, whose faithful steward she is; and also a gift of eighty dollars from a member of the Epworth Memorial Church.

Resolved, That we greatly appreciate the presence and services of Bishops Thoburn and Walden and all our visiting missionaries, and bid them a loving "God speed" as they go to their various fields of labor.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Mr. S. R. Badgley, architect of this beautiful memorial church, for his kindly courtesy in presenting to the members and visitors, as a souvenir, his portfolio of modern churches.

Resolved, That we express our cordial thanks to the pastor, Rev. W. B. Pickard, and to the Trustees for the use of the church complete in all its appointments; to the kind friends who have opened their homes; to the chairmen of the local committees for the bountiful lunches and the many comforts so generously provided, and for the flowers often renewed to refresh us; to the accommodating postmistress, the inspiring singers, the attentive janitors, and to all who have added in any way to the success of the executive meeting, and say in the language of "Tiny Tim," "God bless 'em, every one."

MRS. HARRIET E. EATON,
MRS. E. M. L. WAKELIN.
MRS. A. A. HALL.

Appropriations for 1899-1900.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

North India.

Naini Tal, School rents	$ 33 00
Assistants' salary	120 00
Medicines	20 00
Teachers	25 00
Dwarahat, Assistants' salary	120 00
Scholarships	32 00
Pithoragarh, Miss Tresham's salary	300 00
Scholarships	48 00
Repairs	60 00
Conveyance	60 00
Bhot, Medicines	33 00
Conference expenses	25 00
Itinerating and moving	33 00
Conveyance	60 00
Moradabad, First assistant	240 00
Matron	120 00
School hospital and Medicines	120 00
Repairs	100 00
Teachers	90 00
Inspectress	60 00
City schools	168 00
Bible-women	104 00
Conveyance	84 00
Scholarships	600 00
Bijnour, Second assistant	180 00
Scholarships	100 00
Bible-readers	76 00
Conveyance and rents	65 00
Nagina	136 00
Nurpur	100 00
Mandawar	80 00
Dhampur	60 00
Seohara	68 00
Sherkot	72 00
Najibabad	100 00
Kiralpur	52 00
Sambahl District	1000 00
Bareilly, Scholarships	300 00
Shahjahanpur, Miss Organ's salary	400 00
Mrs. Parker's itinerating	33 00
Lucknow, Miss Nichols' salary	650 00
Miss Stearns' salary	400 00
Two Memorial Scholarships	60 00
Agra, Medical, Two scholarships	80 00
Ratheeli	16 00
Total	$6,683 00

North West India.

Muttra, First assistant	$ 240 00
Conveyance	33 00
Scholarships	195 00
Cawnpore, Debt on Home	250 00
First assistant	200 00
Scholarships in High School	216 00
Scholarships in native school	150 00
Assistant for Mrs. Hoskins	50 00
Meerut, First assistant	220 00
Total	$1,554 00

Bombay.

Bombay, Scholarships	$ 120 00
Bassim, Scholarships and Bible-women	250 00
General work	250 00
Total	$ 620 00

South India.

Hyderabad, City girls' schools	$ 275 00
Assistant, Miss Somerville	220 00
Scholarships	80 00
Madras, Miss D'Jordan's salary	260 00
Miss Young's salary	260 00
Scholarships	192 00
Conveyance	80 00
Bangalore, General work	200 00
Total	$1,567 00

Bengal-Burmah.

Darjeeling, Miss Knowles' return and salary	$ 900 00
Total	$ 900 00

Malaysia.

Singapore, Miss Hemingway's salary	$ 425 00
Teacher and expense to Conference	75 00
Conveyance	100 00
Miss Norris' substitute	216 00
Teluk Ayer, school rent	150 00
Scholarships	140 00
Penang, Woman's work	250 00
Total	$1,356 00

Korea.

Seoul, Miss Paine's salary	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
One-half salary of Mrs. Scranton	300 00
One-half incidentals and traveling expenses	87 00
One native teacher	60 00
Man of all work	50 00
Day school	35 00
Fuel	175 00
Scholarships	540 00
Furniture	50 00
Total	$2,047 00

Japan.

Hakodate, Literature teacher	$ 208 00
Pupil assistant	40 00
Scholarships	280 00
Hirosaki, Teacher of fifth and sixth grades	75 00
Bible-woman's salary	75 00
Yamagata, Bible-woman's salary	72 00
Aoyama, Science teacher	225 00
Scholarships	360 00
Industrial school scholarship	80 00
Yokohama, Scholarships in Training school	320 00
Insurance	200 00
Ground rent	60 00
Painting	100 00
Preparatory teacher	75 00
Graduate teacher	40 00
Yamabuckacho school (conditional)	350 00
Mrs. Inagaki's salary	120 00
Kindergarten	100 00
Nagoya, Rent	108 00
Chinese teacher	108 00
Sewing teacher	86 00
Matron	58 00
Miss Baucus	50 00
Special work	20 00
Total	$3,208 00

South Japan.

Nagasaki, Miss Lee's salary	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	280 00
Total	$1,030 00

North China.

Peking, Miss Young's salary and return	$ 600 00
Miss Gilman's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	900 00
Chinese City day school	75 00
Tartar City day school	75 00
Training school	125 00
Tsun Hua, Dr. Terry's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Croucher's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Boarding school	540 00
Day school	$ 75 00
Hospital current expenses	100 00
Drugs and medicines	
Coolie	40 00
Assistant	40 00
Matron	40 00
Tientsin, Miss Glover's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Two scholarships	60 00
Day school	50 00
Repairs	20 00
Shantung, Training school	30 00
Two scholarships	60 00
Total	$5,830 00

Central China.

Nanking, Scholarships	$ 120 00
City school teacher	30 00
Boarding school matron	20 00
Total	$ 170 00

West China.

Chentu, Miss Collier's salary	$ 300 00
Incidentals	150 00
Day school, Imperial St.	50 00
Rent and Conference expenses	105 00
Chung King, Scholarships	90 00
Bible-women and itinerating	60 00
Rent and repairs	35 00
Total	$ 790 00

Foochow.

Foochow, Girls' Boarding School	$ 240 00
Orphanage	60 00
Ku Cheng, Woman's school	300 00
Repairs	30 00
Miss Hartford's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Two Bible women	50 00
One day school	25 00
Hai Tang, Woman's school	300 00
Bible-women	96 00
Day schools and traveling	210 00
Total	$2,061 00

Hing Hua.

Miss Todd's salary	$ 500 00
Bible-women	50 00
Expenses to Conference	20 00
Total	$ 570 00

Bulgaria.

Loftcha, Scholarships	$ 80 00
Matron and other service	220 00
Total	$ 300 00

Italy.

Rome, Scholarships	$ 300 00
Total	$ 300 00

South America.

Rosario, Assistant's salary	$ 400 00
Scholarships	300 00
School supplies	30 00
One-half repairs and taxes	200 00
Medical attendant	25 00
New lady	600 00
Buenos Ayres, Rent	200 00
Teacher	200 00
Scholarship	83 00
Montevideo, scholarships	100 00
Insurance	40 00
Taxes	100 00
School supplies	100 00
Interest	150 00
Total	$2,528 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Scholarships	$ 150 00
School supplies	200 00
Bible-woman	100 00
Miraflores, Native teacher	240 00
Assistants	210 00
Porter	70 00
Pachuca, Two teachers	348 00
Scholarships	250 00
Water tax and repairs	86 00
Puebla, Second assistant	320 00
Scholarships	150 00
Total	$2,124 00

SUMMARY.

North India	$ 6,683 00
North West India	1,554 00
South India	1,567 00
Bombay	620 00
Bengal-Burma	900 00
Malaysia	1,356 00
Korea	2,047 00
Japan	3,208 00
South Japan	1,030 00
North China	5,830 00
Central China	170 00
West China	790 00
Foochow	2,061 00
Hing Hua	570 00
Bulgaria	300 00
Italy	300 00
South America	2,528 00
Mexico	2,124 00
Total	$33,638 00

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North India.

Kumaon District.

Naini Tal, Mrs. Newman's Bible-reader	$ 50 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-reader in Chandag	50 00
Dwarahat, Five scholarships	80 00
Pithoragarh, Miss Budden's salary	325 00
Miss Hayes, salary	$ 240 00
Miss Oram, salary	200 00
Scholarships	160 00
Woman's Home	320 00
Half scholarships	48 00
Expenses to conference	17 00
Conveyance	60 00
Bible women	96 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-readers	100 00
Itinerating	40 00
Accountant	24 00

Garhwal District.

Pauri, Third assistant	180 00
Eight scholarships	128 00
Teachers	72 00
Medicines	33 00
Munshi for two assistants	36 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-reader "Sarah"	50 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-reader "Nora Gill"	50 00

Moradabad District.

Moradabad, Scholarships	60 00
Bijnour, Scholarships	40 00
Evangelistic work, Mrs. Means	
Bible-women, Caroline Richards, Georgiana Dempster and Lavinia Howard	140 00
Conveyance	67 00

Bareilly District.

Bareilly, Miss English's salary	650 00
Miss Loper's salary	650 00
Scholarships	1,200 00
Matron	100 00
First assistant	240 00
Second assistant	220 00
Repairs	160 00
2 Agra scholarships	80 00
City schools	133 00
Mohulla and village work	165 00
Bible-women	124 00
Conveyances	120 00
Medical work and repairs	270 00
Women's school, teachers	100 00
Books and incidentals	10 00
Faridpur, Bible-women and schools	60 00
Khera-Bajhera, Bible-women and schools	48 00
Shahjahanpur, East, Bible-women	100 00
Conveyance	33 00
Widows	60 00
Four city schools	53 00
Katra, Bible-women and schools	48 00
Aonla, Bible-women and teachers	145 00
Kakrala, Bible-women and teachers	92 00
Budoan, Miss Curts Salary	650 00
Binawar, Bible-women and teachers	64 00
Ujhani, Bible-women and teachers	68 00

Bilsi, Bible-women and teachers	$ 100 00
Bisauli, Bible-women and teachers	130 00
Dataganj, Bible-women and teachers	60 00
Bhamora, Bible-women and teachers	68 00
Philibit District, Supported by Buffalo District, Genesee Conference, N. Y.	1,000 00

Oudh District.

Lucknow, Zenana village work, conveyances	160 00
Bible-women	84 00
Repairs on Bible-women houses	25 00
Lucknow Circuit, Bible women	70 00
Conveyances	32 00
Hardoi, Scholarships	200 00
Teachers and matron	80 00
Repairs	32 00
Bible-women, Itinerating	224 00
Unao, Bible-woman, Itinerating and school	204 00
Shahabad, Bible-woman Itinerating and school	216 00
Sitapur, Scholarships	120 00
" Matron	60 00

Gonda District.

Bahraich, Schools	42 00
Conveyances	53 00
Itinerating	16 00
Bible-readers	96 00
Kaisarganj, Bible-readers	26 00
Bhinga, " "	65 00
Nanpara, " "	28 00
Ellenpur and Mankapur, Bible-readers	120 00
Total for North India	$11,620 00

North West India.

Agra District.

Agra, Assistant	$ 240 00
Day schools	40 00
Bible-women	200 00
Conveyance	67 00
Jinricksha	16 00
Itinerating	34 00
Wheel-tax	8 00
Books and repairs	17 00
Muttra, Native Scholarships	200 00
Village women	80 00
Conveyance	100 00
Itinerating	100 00
Bible-readers	30 00
Brindiban, Bible-readers	110 00

Allahabad District.

Allahabad, Orphanage Assistant	$ 200 00
Ten scholarships	150 00

Cawnpore District.

Cawnpore, Scholarships	$ 300 00
Bible-women with Mrs. Hoskins	400 00
High school scholarships	72 00
Itinerating	34 00
Assistant (partial)	50 00
District Evangelistic work	20 00

Meerut District.

Meerut, Scholarships	60 00
Bible-women	200 00
Itinerating	34 00
Evangelistic work	84 00
Total for North West India	$2,846 00

Bombay.

Bombay District.

Bombay. Evangelistic work, Mrs. Fritchley, salary	$ 240 00
Mrs. Bhimjibhoy, salary	160 00
Kitiji Sultan	60 00
Emily Bai Abraham	56 00
Conveyance	170 00
Scholarships	500 00
Taxes	100 00
Miss Christina Lawson's salary	650 00
Miss Elizabeth Nicholls' salary	650 00
Poona, Miss Elliott's salary	650 00
Scholarships	100 00
Taylor High School Building	1,000 00

Central Provinces District.

Narsingpur, Bible-women	92 00
Conveyance	100 00

Gujarat District.

Ahmedabad, Two Bible-women	60 00
Baroda, Two Bible-women	60 00
Scholarships	20 00
Orphanage, conditional	150 00
Total for Bombay	$4,758 00

South India.

Hyderabad District.

Gulbarga, Assistant, Miss Murray	$ 180 00
Conveyance	100 00
Bible-women	91 00
Matron	120 00
Teachers	40 00
Scholarships	160 00
Rent for school and dormitory	67 00
Secunderabad, Bible-women	80 00
Schools	67 00
Conveyance	40 00

Madras District.

Kolar, Scholarships	$ 272 00
Widows	144 00
Miss Reay	180 00
Munshi	19 00
Bible-women	60 00
Madras, Mrs. Jones, salary	170 00
Taxes	200 00
Mrs. Marschner	180 00
Munshi	20 00
Conveyance	60 00
Matron	180 00
Scholarships	816 00
Three city and six village schools	428 00
Bible-women	160 00
Furniture for Home and Orphanage	50 00
Conveyance for Mrs. Jones and Miss Marschner	20 00
Total for South India	$3,903 00

Bengal-Burmah Conference.

Bolpore Circuit	$ 200 00
Pakur, Orphans	180 00
Rent and Repairs	50 00

Calcutta District.

Calcutta, Orphanage scholarships	240 00
Bengali work, Mrs Ada Lee:	
Bible-women and scholarships	200 00
Deaconess Home: Miss Maxey's salary	325 00
Deaconess Home, Rent, half	400 00
Miss Jennie Moyer, passage and salary	800 00

Tirhoot District.

Mogafarpore, Miss Soderstrom's salary	650 00
Bible-women	40 00
Rent for home and school	200 00
Conveyance	100 00
Total for Bengal-Burma	$3,385 00

North Japan.

Sapporo District, Bible-woman, Mrs. Wakiyama	$ 72 00

Hakodate District.

Hakodate, Caroline Wright, memorial school, school ground rent	65 00
School insurance	90 00
School repairs	200 00
Scholarships	600 00
Teachers, Chinese, Mr. Uno	288 00
Teachers, Chinda San, Matron	87 00
Teachers, Pupil assistant	40 00
Industrial school, teacher	60 00
Industrial school, rent	25 00
Evangelistic work, Bible-woman's house rent	$ 40 00
Bible-woman's salary, Ishizuka Yoshi	72 00
Bible-woman's salary, Mrs. Yamaka	43 00
Salary of Miss Hampton	375 00
Hirosaki, sewing teacher	70 00
Assistant	40 00
Nurse girl's school, teacher	30 00
Nurse girl's school, assistant	25 00
Miss Southard Kindergarten	250 00
On building	100 00
Goshagawara, Bible-woman's salary, Iinuma	30 00
Yoshida, Sunday school rent and travel	30 00
Four monthly meetings (travel)	30 00
Travel of Miss Alexander	25 00
Total for North Japan	$2,687 00

Central Japan.

Sendai District.

Hirabaysahu, Bible-women	$ 40 00
Bible-woman "Namae Sue"	45 00
Rent and travel	26 00

Tokyo District.

Tokyo, (*Aoyama*), insurance	150 00
Scholarships	160 00
Bible-woman, Miss Akiho	45 00
Yotsuya, Bible-woman, Mrs Akiho	80 00
Travel	16 00
Yokohama, Scholarships	120 00
Miss Baucus, literary work	150 00
Nagoya, Ichiku Haru	40 00
Miss Anna Atkinson, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teachers, first primary	108 00
Teachers, assistant	50 00
Teachers, Chinese and Japanese (half)	108 00
Bible-woman, second church	50 00
Toyohashi, Bible-woman	72 00
Bible-woman, itinerating, (one third)	25 00
Total for Central Japan	$2,030 00

South Japan.

Nagasaki, Scholarships	$ 600 00
Teacher's Assistant	180 00
Kagoshima, Miss Gheer's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Smith's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Travel of district superintendent	300 00
Mrs. Oshima	110 00
Miss Imai	75 00
Miss Yoshizaki	65 00
Miss Fuwa	65 00
Miss Marioka	65 00
Miss Gheer's assistant	50 00
Sunday schools	25 00

Books, tracts, cards, etc.	$ 10 00
House rent in Kagoshima	200 00
Loochoo Islands, Miss Kurihara	65 00
Total for South Japan	$3,310 00

Korea.

Seoul, Ewa School, Scholarships	$ 495 00
Native teachers	60 00
Woman's Hospital, inpatients	125 00
Fuel	125 00
Repairs	100 00
Dr. Cutler, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Drugs and instruments	200 00
Tai Sung, Bible-woman Sarah	50 00
Bible-woman Hannah	50 00
Chairman	50 00
Day school	50 00
Half salary of Mrs. Scranton	375 00
Mrs. Scranton's traveling	12 00
Pyeng Yang, Dispensary assistants	100 00
Dispensary Fuel	25 00
Dispensary Bible-woman Susan	50 00
Bible-woman	50 00
Blind girl's class	60 00
Dr. Rosetta Hall's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Traveling	25 00
Drugs and instruments	125 00
Repairs	50 00
Chemulpo, Day school	35 00
Bible-woman, Helen	50 00
Bible-women, East German Conference	50 00
Medical traveling	50 00
Freights (half)	50 00
Total for Korea	$3,912 00

North China.

Peking, Mrs. Jewell's salary	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Mrs. Gamewell, incidentals	100 00
Scholarships	510 00
Rondout day school	75 00
Bible-women	120 00
Tientsin, training school	175 00
Coolie	40 00
Bible-woman	40 00
Scholarships	150 00
Tsun Hua, Scholarships	480 00
Three Bible-women	120 00
Shan Tung, Dr. M. L. Barrow's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Hospital current expenses	200 00
Bible-woman, Mrs. Wang	40 00
Bible-woman	40 00
Dr. Barrows' Teacher	25 00
Repairs and Buildings	250 00
Furniture	100 00
Total for North China	$3,965 00

Central China.

Kiu Kiang, Scholarships	$ 150 00
3 Orphans	60 00
Teacher	$ 30 00
Day school, three teachers	75 00
Rent and Incidentals	25 00
Itinerating	25 00
2 Bible-women	60 00
Miss Dreibelbies' passage and salary	800 00
Wuhu, Miss Mitchell's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Bible-woman	33 00
Itinerating	15 00
Day school teacher	48 00
House rent	138 00
Day school books and furniture	8 00
Gateman	24 00
Nanking, Scholarships	45 00
Chinkiang, Dr. Hoag, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	150 00
Orphans	240 00
Day schools and evangelistic work	60 00
Medical work, Katie's salary	35 00
Assistant	30 00
Drugs for hospital	190 00
Traveling	15 00
Buyer and Waterman	50 00
Bedding for new dormitory	50 00
Total for Central China	$3,856 00

Foochow.

Foochow District.

Foochow, Miss Wells' salary	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Woman's school	150 00
Bible-women	120 00
8 Girl's boarding school	160 00
Orphans	240 00
Insurance	15 00
Ming Chiang, Dr. Carleton's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Medical work	400 00
Medical students	45 00
Instruments	50 00
Kucheng, Miss Linam's, salary	450 00
Incidentals	150 00
Woman's school	150 00
Bible-women	200 00
Day schools	200 00
Girl's boarding school	20 00
Miss Glenk's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Insurance	40 00
Publishing conference minutes	25 00
Total for Foochow	$4,665 00

Hing Hua Conference.

Hing Hua, two Bible-women	$ 50 00
Total for Hing Hua	$ 50 00

Bulgaria.

Loftcha, Miss Getchova	$ 150 00
Leona Vasileva	40 00
Total for Bulgaria	$ 190 00

Italy.

Rome, Miss Bowne's salary	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Isabel Clark Crèche	150 00
Scholarships	200 00
Margaret Moses' Scholarship	60 00
Sewing teacher	100 00
Matron	200 00
Pisa, Miss Biondi, Bible-woman	135 00
Total for Italy	$1,595 00

South America.

Montevideo, Miss Waidman's salary	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	50 00
Interest on building	200 00
Repairs	100 00
Buenos Ayres, House rent	600 00
Miss Le Huray's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	520 00
Assistant teachers	400 00
Servants	275 00
Taxes, etc.	100 00
Bible-woman and supplies	100 00
School supplies	200 00
Physician and medicines	75 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	50 00
Peru, Miss Elsie Wood's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teacher	200 00
Total for South America	$5,120 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Seven scholarships	$ 350 00
Insurance	45 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	50 00
Pachuca, Scholarships	150 00
Miss Eleazar Perez	174 00
Miss R. Rivera	174 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	50 00
Puebla, Miss M. Tovar	150 00
Miss Mauriquez	180 00
Matron	180 00
Scholarships	300 00
Total for Mexico	$1,803 00

Norway.

Christiania, Bible-woman	$ 50 00
Total for Norway	$ 50 00

Summary.

Africa	$ 125 00
Bulgaria	190 00
China, North	3,965 00
Central	3,856 00
Foochow	4,665 00
Hing Hua	50 00
Total for China	$12,536 00
India, North	11,620 00
North West	2,846 00
Bengal Burma	3,385 00
Bombay	4,758 00
South India	3,903 00
Total for India	$26,512 00
Italy	1,595 00
Japan, North	2,687 00
Central	2,030 00
South	3,310 00
Total for Japan	$8,027 00
Korea	3,912 00
Mexico	1,803 00
Norway	50 00
South America, Buenos Aires	3,070 00
Montevideo	1,100 00
Peru	950 00
Finland	50 00
Total for South America	$5,120 00
From Mrs. Newman's gift for Perpetual Bible-readers Fund	
Building in Rome, Italy	1,000 00
Building in Central China	1,000 00
Building in Kucheng, China	1,000 00
	$3,000 00
Grand total	$62,920 00

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

North India.

Lobha Circuit, Bible-woman	$ 25 00
Pithoragarh, Scholarships	80 00
Pauri, Miss Kyle's salary	650 00
First assistant	220 00
Scholarships	292 00
Village schools	50 00
Bijnour, Scholarships	60 00
Bareilly, Orphanage	200 00
Fourth assistant	200 00
Kindergarten and scholarships	44 00
Students' wives	60 00
Lucknow, City schools and conveyance	133 00
Gonda, Assistant	220 00
Bible-women	140 00
Tent and tent furniture	32 00
Conveyances	67 00
Balrampur, Bible-readers	117 00
Total	$2,590 00

Northwest India.

Muttra District, Bible work, under Mrs. Scott	$ 240 00
Conveyance and itinerating	17 00
Allahabad, Orphanage	60 00
City and District Work, assistant	140 00
Bible-women	157 00
Jinrikisha	17 00
Itinerating	34 00
Conveyance	65 00
Cawnpore, Scholarships, native girls' school	210 00
High school	36 00
Bible-women	88 00
Agra, Medical home	450 00
Total	$ 1,514 00

South India.

Sironcha, Bible-woman	$ 20 00
Hyderabad, Bible-women	190 00
Scholarships	64 00
Kolar, Scholarships	64 00
Madras District, Miss Peters' partial salary	40 00
Day schools	120 00
Total	$ 498 00

Bombay.

Bombay, Zenana Visitor, Miss Forbes	$ 220 00
Scholarships	60 00
Gujarat, Scholarships and teacher in Evangelistic school	150 00
Baroda, Miss Spears' salary	650 00
Teachers	372 00
Matron	74 00
Scholarships	1,400 00
School rent	92 00
House rent	252 00
Conveyance	115 00
Miss McPherson's salary	220 00
Miss A. McPherson's salary	220 00
Pundit	40 00
Medical and Evangelistic work, Dr Hodge's salary	650 00
Drugs	282 00
Compounder	100 00
House and Dispensary rent	208 00
Watchman	30 00
Miss Nunan's salary	220 00
Miss Neroy's salary	200 00
Bible-women	64 00
Itinerating	150 00
Conveyance	150 00
Pundit	40 00
Total	$ 5,839 00

Bengal-Burma.

Rangoon, Miss Illingworth's salary	$ 325 00
Mozafarpore, Scholarships	70 00
Bible-woman	40 00
Total	$ 435 00

Malaysia.

Singapore, Bible-woman, Mrs. Pierce	$ 216 00
Lim Neo	108 00
Scholarships	180 00
Tamil Bible-woman	72 00
Contingencies	60 00
Total	$ 636 00

North China.

Peking, Scholarships	$ 120 00
Tientsin, Dr. R.R. Benn's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	300 00
Bible-woman	40 00
Hospital gate keeper	40 00
Hospital coolie	40 00
New missionary	700 00
Hospital current expenses, drugs and instruments	300 00
Chair hire	25 00
Repairs	20 00
Watchman	40 00
House gate-keeper	40 00
Total	$ 2,415 00

Central China.

Kiu Kiang, Scholarships	$ 120 00
Two Bible-women	60 00
Chin Kiang, Miss White's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	75 00
Teachers and assistants	120 00
Itinerating	25 00
Total	$ 1,150 00

Foochow.

Foochow, Conference seminary	$ 50 00
Medical students	80 00
Night watchman	27 00
Orphanage	120 00
Woolston Man., City Hospital, hospital expenses	250 00
Instruments	50 00
Hospital matron	30 00
Dr. Hü King Eng's salary	450 00
Coolies	60 00
Ku Cheng, Bible-women	100 00
Scholarships	60 00
Total	$ 1,277 00

Japan.

Otaru, Bible-woman and travel	$ 44 00
Hakodate, Miss Dickerson, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Singer's home salary	350 00
Ground rent	27 00
Insurance	15 00
Repairs	25 00
Scholarships	360 00
Kindergarten teacher	115 00

Teacher, Miss Kikuchi	$ 65 00
Hirosaki, Miss Hewett, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
House repairs	25 00
Assistant, first and second grades	60 00
Tokyo, Aoyama scholarships	480 00
Tsukiji, Miss C. H. Spencer's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss M. A. Spencer's return passage and salary	750 00
Insurance	30 00
Repairs	40 00
Evangelistic traveling	40 00
Day school visitor	72 00
Asakusa, Day school	350 00
Bible-woman, Miss Kuno	68 00
Mizukaido, Bible-woman, Miss Sakuragawa	60 00
Total	$ 5,226 00

South Japan.

Nagasaki Scholarships	$ 200 00
Fukuoka, Bible-woman, Mrs. Takamori	90 00
Total	$ 290 00

Korea.

Seoul, Miss Pierce's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	135 00
Furniture	25 00
Hospital attendants	150 00
Hospital Bible-woman	50 00
Tal Sung, Bible-woman	50 00
Gateman	50 00
Pyeng Yang, Bible-woman	50 00
Day school	45 00
Total	$ 1,305 00

Bulgaria.

Loftcha, Miss Lookanova, salary	150 00
Hotantza, Teacher	80 00
Bible-work	150 00
Total	$ 380 00

Italy.

Rome, Scholarships	$ 200 00
Isabel Clark, day nursery	125 00
Total	$ 325 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Miss Loyd, salary	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	250 00
Miss L. Aguilar's salary	210 00
Matron	174 00
Treasurer's expenses	40 00
San Vincente, School and Teacher	$ 200 00
Puebla, Miss Limberger, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Purdy, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Duarte, salary	240 00
Bible-woman	105 00
Scholarships	200 00
Tetela, Teacher	150 00
Guanajuato, Miss Dunmore's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Rent	120 00
Water tax and repairs	60 00
First assistant	180 00
Scholarships	100 00
Total	$ 5,029 00

South America.

Montevideo, Interest	$ 100 00
Buenos Ayres, Teachers	200 00
Scholarship	83 00
Total	$ 383 00
Conditional	$ 208 00
Total appropriations	29,500 00
Conditional, Twentieth Century Thank Offering	$10,000 00

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

North India.

Naini Tal, Assistant's salary	$ 120 00
Taxes $20, teachers $25	45 00
Conveyance $50, medicines $20	70 00
House rent	150 00
Dwarahat, Scholarships	32 00
Bible-women	64 00
Itinerating	33 00
Pithoragarh, Bible-women	116 00
Moradabad, Scholarships	90 00
Bareilly, Third assistant	200 00
Orphans	200 00
Dhanura, Work, Nannie Turner Scott	56 00
Lucknow, I. Hart, scholarship	26 00
Gonda, Scholarships	80 00
Matron $60, conveyance, $33	93 00
Repairs, $67, medicines, $33	100 00
Colonelganj, Zenana and village work	90 00
Nawabganj, Zenana and village work	73 00
Total	$1,638 00

North West India.

Muttra, Bible-women	$ 80 00
Conveyance	33 00

Aligarh, Miss Gallimore's salary	$ 650 00
Bible-women	168 00
Conveyance	83 00
Itinerating	17 00
Medicines $17, repairs $17	34 00
Total	$1,065 00

Bombay.

Bombay, Scholarships	$ 100 00
Poona, Frederick Rice, memorial school	100 00
Compounder and Bible-woman	48 00
Medical work	50 00
Total	$ 298 00

South India.

Raipur, Deaconess salary	$ 325 00
Bible-women and munshi (Conditional) $400	80 00
Sironcha, Bible-women and teachers	60 00
Orphanage and boarding school	32 00
Medicines	10 00
Hyderabad, City girls' school	80 00
Orphanage and boarding school	80 00
Miss Ross	240 00
Bangalore, Miss Fox	180 00
Kolar, Orphans	240 00
Village school	40 00
Rent	50 00
Miss Peters	40 00
Madras, Miss Stephens	325 00
Mrs. Jones	162 00
Furniture for Baltimore Memorial	50 00
Orphans	352 00
Guilford avenue school	20 00
Bible-woman	40 00
Elizabeth	48 00
Sooboonagam	100 00
Conveyances	60 00
Total	$2,614 00

Korea.

Seoul, Scholarships	$ 450 00
Matron	50 00
Anna Cassidy	50 00
Miss Lewis, salary	600 00
Incidentals to work	150 00
In-patients	20 00
Total	$ 1,320 00

North Japan.

Hakodate, Scholarships	$ 120 00
Hirosaki, Bible-woman	40 00
Total	$ 160 00

Central Japan.

Tokyo, Scholarships	$ 240 00
Industrial department scholarship	40 00
Teacher of penmanship	50 00
" " embroidery	64 00
Yokohama, Cistern	50 00
Miss Amy Lewis, salary	600 00
Miss Lewis, incidentals	150 00
Miss Lewis, travel	45 00
Bible-woman	50 00
Yamabukicho, Industrial department	120 00
Literary work	20 00
Nagoya, Miss Bender's salary	600 00
Miss Bender's incidentals	150 00
Rent	108 00
Miss Atkinson's passage money	210 00
Total	$ 2,497 00

South Japan.

Nagasaki, Scholarships	$ 200 00
Primary teacher	30 00
Total	$ 230 00

North China.

Peking, Scholarships	$ 150 00
Tientsin, Hospital matron	40 00
Dispensary assistant	40 00
Total	$ 230 00

Central China.

Chin Kiang, Orphans	$ 30 00
Kiu Kiang, Scholarship and orphans	90 00
Teacher	25 00
Gateman	25 00
Total	$ 170 00

Foochow Conference.

Foochow, Mrs. Tippett's salary	$ 450 00
Girls' boarding school	240 00
Medical students	40 00
Hospital Bible-woman	20 00
Repairs	25 00
City Hospital expenses	125 00
" " watchman	27 00
Orphanage	240 00
Ming Chiang, Woman's school	200 00
Matron and Bible-woman	25 00
Ku Cheng, Day schools and traveling	240 00
Official expenses	20 00
Conference minutes	10 00
Total	$ 1,662 00

Hing Hua Conference.

Hing Hua, Juliet Turner memorial school	$ 300 00
Juliet Turner scholarship	20 00

General evangelist	$ 50 00
Seng Iu, Isabel Hart boarding school	100 00
Total,	$ 470 00

Italy.

Rome, Bible-women	$ 175 00
Crêche	25 00
Total,	$ 200 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Scholarships	$ 100 00

Totals by Countries.

North India	$ 1,638 00
North West India	1,065 00
Bombay	298 00
South India	2,614 00
Korea	1,320 00
North Japan	160 00
Central "	2,497 00
South "	230 00
North China	230 00
Central "	170 00
Foochow Conference	1,662 00
Hing Hua	470 00
Italy	200 00
Mexico	100 00
Total,	$12,654 00

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

North India.

Moradabad, Miss Mary Means	$ 325 00
Miss Alice Means	325 00
Scholarships	150 00
Bijnour, Scholarships $140, medicines $20	160 00
Budaon, Assistant	240 00
Bareilly, Orphanage	350 00
Shahjahanpore, Scholarships	750 00
Assistants $660, matron $40	640 00
Kindergarten, medicines and repairs	135 00
Bible-women and schools	375 00
Sitapur, Scholarships	800 00
Support of school	600 00
Zenana and circuit work	460 00
Lucknow, Miss Thoburn, salary and return	625 00
Persian teacher	100 00
First assistant	240 00
Second assistant	220 00
Scholarships	240 00
Repairs	100 00
Home for Homeless Women, Assistant, $240; matron and teacher, $225	465 00
Gondah, Boarding school, Miss Scott	325 00
Scholarships	400 00
Second assistant	200 00
Conveyance	33 00
Interest	$ 100 00
Zenana and village work, Miss Hoge	325 00
Evangelistic work	150 00
Zenana work, rent of bungalow	120 00
Repairs and conveyance	100 00
Barabanki, B. women and schools	300 00
Total, for Conference	$9,353 00

Bombay Conference.

Poona, Schools and Bible-women	$ 850 00
Baroda, Scholarships	40 00
Bombay, Scholarships	20 00
Total, for Bombay Con.	$ 910 00

South India Conference.

Gulbarga, Miss I. Ernsberger, M. D.	$ 650 00
Rent and furniture	320 00
Dispensary	380 00
Hyderabad, Miss Thomas	220 00
Munshi	20 00
Vikarabad, Schools and teachers	250 00
Bangalore, Schools and teachers	250 00
Sironcha, Land tax and interest	200 60
Kolar, Rent for dormitory	100 00
Orphans	272 00
Total, for South India	$2,662 00

North West India Conference.

Brindiban, Dr. Emma Scott	$ 650 00
Assistant	240 00
Medicines	400 00
Conveyance	40 00
Muttra, Scholarships	150 00
Cawnpore, Interest	100 00
Assistant	200 00
Conference evangelistic work	420 00
Total for Conference	$2,200 00

Bengal-Burma Conference.

Tumluck Circuit, Miss Blair	$ 325 00
Bible-women, rent, etc.	220 00
Pakur, Miss Jacobson	240 00
Orphans	280 00
Bible-women	100 00
Dispensary	80 00
Servants	40 00
Bengali work under Mrs. Lee	900 00
Tivhoot, Miss Campbell	200 00
Burma district, Interest	280 00
Scholarships	120 00
Total for Conference	$2,785 00

Malaysia.

Scholarships	$ 140 00
Bible-women	72 00
Repairs	100 00
Penang, Support of work	200 00
Total for Malaysia	$ 512 00

North China Conference.

Peking, Scholarships	$ 540 00
Tientsin, Miss Shockley	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Repairs	20 00
Tsun Hua, Scholarships	150 00
Repairs	75 00
Watchman	40 00
Total for Conference	$1,575 00

Foochow Conference.

Woman's school	$ 150 00
Repairs	60 00
Miss Jewell	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Bible-women	120 00
Boarding school, repairs	90 00
Scholarships	400 00
Medical students	80 00
Miss Bonafield	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Total for Conference	$2,400 00

Hing Hua Conference.

Hing Hua, Scholarships	$ 80 00
Leper and day school	75 00
Day schools and traveling expenses	475 00
Bible-women, and traveling expenses	330 00
Sieng In District, Miss Lebeus.	450 00
Woman's school	300 00
Day schools	420 00
Bible-women, traveling expenses	400 00
Total for Conference	$2,530 00

Korea.

Girls' school	$ 315 00
Stationery $50, gatemen, $50	100 00
Hospital, Dr. Emma Ernsberger	500 00
Incidentals	150 00
Fuel	75 00
East Gate, Dr. Lillian Harris	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Drugs and instruments	150 00
Gateman $50, fuel $50	100 00
Freights and duties	50 00
Miss Frey, return and salary	1,000 00
Total for Korea	$3,190 00

North Japan.

Miss Bing, salary	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	$ 160 00
Sappora, Bible-women	30 00
Shenano District	250 00
Tokyo, Aoyama, Miss Wilson	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	200 00
Sewing teacher	132 00
Matron	48 00
S. S. work	30 00
District superintendent	100 00
Mothers' meetings $40, Books and tracts $25	65 00
Industrial sewing teacher	50 00
Literary work	50 00
Nagoya, Teacher	72 00
Total for N. Japan	$2,687 00

Southern Japan.

Nagasuki, Miss Young, salary	$ 600 00
Miss Young, incidentals	150 00
Miss Kidwell, salary	600 00
Miss Kidwell, incidentals	150 00
Ground rent	200 00
Repairs	300 00
Insurance	175 00
Water tax	50 00
Scholarships	500 00
Chinese teacher	180 00
Art teacher	260 00
Industrial department	100 00
City work and dispensary	250 00
Miss Russell's home salary and return	700 00
Fukuoka, Miss Seed's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	160 00
Chinese teacher	140 00
Science teacher	300 00
Mathematical teacher	60 00
Insurance	120 00
Repairs	100 00
Fuel and light	100 00
Bible-women	130 00
S. School, tracts, etc	50 00
Total for Japan	$8,812 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Miss Ayres	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	250 00
Miss Sara Ascevaz	210 00
Miss Atalia Carrasco	174 00
Porter	150 00
Repairs	160 00
Insurance	45 00
Pueblo, Miss A. Palacios	320 00
Music teacher	120 00
Porter	140 00
Scholarships	100 00
Taxes	240 00
School supplies	180 00
Orizaba	400 00
Total for Mexico	$3,239 00

Italy	$ 250 00
Paraguay (Provisional)	$3,000 00
Grand total	$43,416 00

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

North India.

Dwarahat, Assistant	$ 120 00
Scholarships	272 00
Teachers	48 00
Doctor and medicines	33 00
Repairs	33 00
Pithoragarh, Miss Clegg	200 00
Scholarships	224 00
Teachers	90 00
Medicines	120 00
Bible-woman	28 00
Bhot, Bible-women	100 00
Paurt, Second assistant	200 00
Scholarships	176 00
Bible-women	350 00
Mrs. Gill's itinerating	50 00
Medicines	25 00
Moradabad, Scholarships	180 00
Evangelistic work	75 00
Miss Brittain	200 00
Woman's training-class	50 00
Village work	84 00
Chandausi, Bible-women and teachers	128 00
Kundarki, Bible-women and teachers	136 00
Kanth, Bible-women and teachers	50 00
Thakurdwara, Bible-women and teachers	88 00
Bijnour, First assistant	220 00
Scholarships	110 00
Matron and repairs	60 00
Munshi	17 00
Bareilly, Scholarships	350 00
Medical assistant	332 00
Medical work	230 00
Training class	100 00
Repairs	40 00
Evangelistic work	20 00
Miss Wilson	650 00
Budaon, Scholarships	140 00
Second assistant	180 00
Matron	60 00
City schools, Zenana and village work	300 00
Conveyances and itinerating	68 00
Return of Miss Greene	300 00
Lucknow, Miss Newton	650 00
Miss Singh	300 00
Winslow scholarships	75 00
High-school assistant	200 00
Blind women	75 00
Mrs. Ledlie	160 00
Itinerating	40 00
Evangelistic band	20 00
Gonda, First assistant	220 00
Munshi	20 00
Scholarship	20 00
Total	$ 8,017 00

Northwest India.

Muttra, Miss Wright	$ 300 00
Miss Boyd	240 00
Second assistant	200 00
Zenana assistant	240 00
Hindustani scholarships	420 00
English scholarships	180 00
Repairs	34 00
Brindaban, Miss Burman	300 00
Aligarh, Mrs. Matthews	300 00
Orphans	2,900 00
Louisa Soules boarding school	1,000 00
Interest	134 00
Allahabad, Scholarships	480 00
Cawnpore, Mrs. Worthington	300 00
Scholarships	450 00
Village and mohulla work	160 00
Conveyance and repairs	100 00
Christian day-schools	72 00
Meerut, Bible-women	40 00
Bulanet, Bible-women	450 00
Shahr, Itinerating	37 00
Total	$ 8,337 00

South India.

Kolar, Miss Fisher	$ 325 00
Miss Peters	200 00
Miss La Personne	200 00
Munshi	50 00
Scholarships	352 00
Matron	200 00
House expenses	70 00
Rent	250 00
Madras, Miss Doyle	240 00
Miss Z. Doyle	240 00
Munshi	20 00
Scholarships	160 00
Conveyances	60 00
Total,	$ 2,367 00

Bombay.

Bombay, Miss Porter	$ 650 00
Miss Boss	650 00
Miss Chovey	140 00
Mrs. Williams	200 00
Conveyance for Zenana workers	170 00
Bible-women	116 00
Native teachers	130 00
Scholarships	1,360 00
Assistant matron	40 00
Gate-keeper	58 00
Taxes	100 00
Building fund	400 00
Poona, Miss Benthein	325 00
Matron	100 00
Building fund	1,000 00
Total,	$ 5,439 00

Bengal-Burmah.

Asansol, Miss Forster	$ 550 00
Miss Biswas	240 00
Scholarships	1,200 00

Calcutta, Miss Stahl	$ 400 00
Miss Craig	325 00
Miss Lamb, traveling expenses	300 00
Scholarships	360 00
Rent and incidentals	400 00
New Missionary, outfit and travelling expenses	500 00
Mazefferpur, Orphanage	140 00
Matron and teacher	100 00
Total	$ 4,515 00

Malaysia.

Singapore, Matron	$ 144 00
Scholarships	100 00
Contingent	100 00
Interest and expenses	216 00
Total	$ 560 00

North China.

Peking, Dr. Gloss	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
New doctor, outfit, traveling expenses and salary	750 00
New missionary for school, outfit, traveling expenses and salary	700 00
Scholarships	420 00
Training-school	125 00
Bible-woman	40 00
Gate-keeper	40 00
Drugs	300 00
Tsun Hua, Training school	300 00
Shantung, Miss Steere	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	300 00
Total	$ 4,475 00

Central China.

Kiu Kiang, Miss Howe	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Merrill	600 00
Dr. Kahn	250 00
Scholarships	225 00
Teachers	90 00
Woman's school	150 00
Teachers	50 00
Cook and repairs	120 00
Medical work	250 00
Nanking, Miss Peters	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Shaw	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Mrs. Davis	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Repairs	50 00
Wells	40 00
Bible-woman	30 00
Scholarships	150 00
Boarding-school teachers	115 00
Cook	20 00
Woman's training-school	150 00
Rent and incidentals	20 00
Chin Kiang, Miss Robinson	600 00
Incidentals	$ 150 00
Scholarships	60 00
Taxes and repairs	120 00
New missionary outfit	
Traveling expenses and salary	950 00
Total	$7,190 00

West China.

Chung King, Dr. Ketring	300 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Decker	300 00
Incidentals	150 00
Outfit and traveling expenses, two missionaries	1,000 00
Medicines and supplies	300 00
Furniture	50 00
Current expenses	180 00
Scholarships	140 00
Teacher	35 00
Woman's school and Bible-women	55 00
Chentu, Day-school	50 00
Bible-woman	40 00
Total	$2,750 00

Foochow.

Foochow, Miss Longstreet	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	200 00
Insurance	40 00
Dr. Lyon	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Hospital expenses	800 00
Hospital assistant	60 00
Hospital evangelistic work	30 00
Matron and gateman	57 00
Repairs	125 00
Insurance	25 00
Orphanage	240 00
Ming Chiang, Woman's school	100 00
Bible-women	168 00
Day-schools and traveling	240 00
Miss Peters	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Ku Cheng, Romanized class	250 00
Scholarships	200 00
Iong Bing, Woman's school	210 00
Bible-women	100 00
Day-schools and traveling	200 00
Publishing minutes	15 00
Total	$5,310 00

Hing Hua.

Hing Hua, Scholarships	$ 90 00
Bible-women	100 00
Miss Wilson	450 00
Ing Chung, Boarding-school	300 00
Day-schools and Bible-women	250 00
Total	$1,190 00

Japan.

Hakodate, Scholarships	$ 240 00
Mathematics teacher	240 00
Preparatory teacher	130 0
Teacher, O. Node San	94 00
Hirosaki, Kindergarten assistant	100 00
Aoyama Miss Alling	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Chinese teacher	273 00
Literature teacher	98 00
Translation teacher	116 00
Music teacher	216 00
Kindergarten teacher	144 00
Primary teacher	96 00
Scholarships	680 00
Repairs	100 00
Fence	100 00
Tsukiji, Ground rent	172 00
Day-school, conditional	350 00
Fukigawa, Day-school, conditional	350 00
Nagoya, Mathematics and science teacher	180 00
Music teacher	100 00
Repairs	60 00
Bible-woman, 1st ch	65 00
Insurance	30 00
Yokohama, Mrs. Van Petten	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Fuel and lights	150 00
Repairs	75 00
Books and tracts	75 00
Training-school scholarships	280 00
Bible-teacher	180 00
Music teacher	80 00
Pupil teacher	40 00
Day-schools, conditional	650 00
Traveling	40 00
Literary work, Miss Baucus	50 00
Itinerating	25 00
Total	$7,079 00

South Japan.

Nagasaki, Miss Melton	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Mathematics teacher	300 00
Scholarships	200 00
Mrs. Kubo	55 00
Mrs. Kawakubo	75 00
Fukuoka, Scholarships	200 00
Bible-woman, Mrs. Touda	55 00
Yanagawa, Bible-woman, Miss Inagaki	55 00
Total	$ 1,690 00

Korea.

Seoul, Scholarships	$ 270 00
Repairs and insurance	300 00
Day-school	35 00
Fuel and furniture	225 00
Total	$ 830 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Scholarships	$ 300 00
Kindergarten, teacher and supplies	400 00
Doctor and medicines	60 00
Taxes	45 00
Miraflores, Rent	40 00
Sewing and drawing teacher	100 00
Furniture and supplies	75 00
Pachuca, Miss Van Dorsten	375 00
New missionary	550 00
Outfit and traveling expenses	200 00
Music teacher	165 00
Kindergarten teacher	174 00
Porter	115 00
School supplies	100 00
Dormitory supplies and repairs	90 00
Puebla, Kindergarten teacher	200 00
Scholarships	200 00
Dormitory supplies	25 00
Apizaco, Teachers	210 00
Assistant	70 00
School supplies	45 00
Guanajuato, Scholarships	150 00
Kindergarten and sewing teacher	180 00
Primary	180 00
School supplies	80 00
Tetela, Teachers, rent and supplies	365 00
Panotla, Teachers, rent and supplies	200 00
Total	$4,694 00

South America.

Rosario, Scholarships	$ 500 00
Miss Smith	400 00
Assistant teacher	150 00
Matron	450 00
Buenos Ayres, Rent	400 00
Scholarships	134 00
Repairs	100 00
Montivideo, Miss Hewitt	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
New missionary outfit and traveling expenses	500 00
Scholarships	200 00
Assistants	850 00
Repairs	100 00
Taxes	150 00
Porter	100 00
Interest	350 00
Total	$5,134 00

Italy.

Rome, Miss Hall's traveling expenses	$ 150 00
Home salary	350 00
New missionary outfit and traveling expenses	250 00
Salary	400 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teachers	400 00
Scholarships	250 00
Taxes and insurance	200 00
Repairs	100 00
Interest	100 00
Rent	1,800 00
Scholarships	200 00
Moving expenses	150 00

Furniture	$ 400 00
Miss Vickery	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss De Lord	500 00
New teacher	500 00
Total	$6,650 00

Bulgaria.

Loftcha, Miss Blackburn	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
New missionary	400 00
Incidentals	150 00
Traveling expenses and outfit	250 00
Miss Raichera	330 00
Miss Dobreva	150 00
Scholarships	240 00
Incidentals	100 00
Repairs	100 00
Books and apparatus	50 00
Traveling expenses	50 00
Total	$2,570 00

Africa.

Malange, Miss Zentmire	$ 500 00
School and supplies	500 00
Total	$1,000 00

North Germany.

Zwickau, Bible-work	$ 100 00
Schneeberg, Bible-work	75 00
Total	$ 175 00

South Germany.

Pirmascns, Bible-work	$ 75 00
Strasberg, Bible-work	50 00
Total	$ 125 00

Switzerland.

Herisau, Bible-work	$ 50 00
Lausanne, Bible-work	150 00
Zurich, Bible-work	50 00
Total	$ 250 00

Summary.

North India	$ 8,017 00
North West India	8,337 00
South India	2,367 00
Bombay	5,439 00
Bengal-Burma	4,515 00
Malaysia	560 00
North China	4,475 00
Central China	7,190 00
West China	2,750 00
Foochow	5,310 00
Hing Hua	1,190 00
Japan	7,079 00
South Japan	1,690 00
Korea	830 00
Mexico	4,694 00
South America	$ 5,134 00
Italy	6,650 00
Bulgaria	2,570 00
Africa	1,000 00
North Germany	175 00
South Germany	125 00
Switzerland	250 00
Contingent	4,658 00
Grand total	$85,500 00

DES MOINES BRANCH.

North India.

Pithora, Scholarships	$ 368 00
Half scholarships	24 00
Pauri, Scholarships	288 00
Repairs	67 00
Moradabad, Scholarships	80 00
Miss Frederick	240 00
Bijnour, Scholarships	30 00
Bareilly, Scholarships	200 00
West Shahjehanpur, Scholarships	300 00
Budaon, Scholarships	300 00
Repairs and medicines	70 00
Teachers	80 00
Lucknow, Mathematics	300 00
Harriet Warren College	500 00
Total, for North India	$ 2,847 00

North West India.

Muttra, Miss Gregg	325 00
Scholarships	75 00
Village Women	80 00
Ajmere, Miss Tryon	300 00
Conveyance	40 00
Aligarh, Bible-women	340 00
Itinerating	50 00
Cawnpore, Miss Lauck	650 00
Miss Bobenhouse	425 00
Scholarships	108 00
Debt	500 00
Kasganj, Training women	60 00
Bible-women	1,007 00
Meerut, Miss Lawson's return	300 00
Miss Lawson's home salary	350 00
Miss Harris	200 00
Scholarships	360 00
Total, for N. West India	$ 5,170 00

Bombay Conference.

Jubbulpur, Miss David	$ 240 00
Second assistant	200 00
Matron	2 0 00
Scholarships	4,400 00
Repairs	100 00
Deaconess Home	3,333 00
Evangelistic Bible-women	168 00
City schools	64 00
Conveyance	80 00
Itinerating	34 00
Miss Elicker	650 00
Miss Hyde	650 00
Khandwa, Miss Robinson	200 00
Pundit	20 00

Scholarships	$ 400 00
Matron	40 00
Repairs and Taxes	20 00
Evangelistic assistant	100 00
Bible-women	72 00
Evangelistic school	48 00
Itinerating	60 00
Bharampur Bible-woman	40 00
School building	250 00
Narsinghpur, Bible-woman	80 00
Second assistant	80 00
Total for Bombay	$11,529 00

South India.

Hyderabad, Miss Wood	$ 350 00
Miss Wood's return	250 00
Conveyance	200 00
House expenses	70 00
Scholarships	680 00
New Property	2,000 00
Munshi	34 00
Miss Evans	325 00
Munshi	34 00
House expenses	70 00
Miss Marrett	220 00
Munshi	34 00
Conveyance	50 00
Miss Tenducy	200 00
Munshi	34 00
Matron	80 00
Kolar, Miss Maskell	325 00
House expenses	70 00
Conveyance	200 00
Scholarships	112 00
Bible-women	116 00
Miss Eva Peters	40 00
Miss Maskell's return	425 00
Total, for South India	$ 5,919 00

Bengal-Burma.

Pakur, Orphans	$ 260 00
Thandaung, Miss Perkins	325 00
Scholarships	280 00
Conveyance	100 00
Total, for Bengal-Burma	$ 905 00

North China.

Peking, Scholarships	$ 300 00
Tientsin, Miss F. O. Wilson	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Training school	175 00
Scholarships	150 00
Bible-women	80 00
Repairs	20 00
Total, for North China	$ 1,475 00

Central China.

Kiu Kiang, Miss Ogborn	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Dr. Mary Stone	250 00
Scholarships and orphans	185 00
Matron	25 00
Dr. Stone's work	250 00
Coolie	25 00
Total, for Central China	$ 1,485 00

West China.

Chung King, Miss Galloway	$ 300 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Manning	300 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	100 00
Sanitarium	250 00
Teacher	30 00
Matron	10 00
Books, etc	10 00
Day-school and teacher	50 00
Total for West China	$ 1,350 00

Foochow.

Foochow, Scholarships	$ 400 00
Orphans	60 00
Miss Wilkinson	450 00
Mrs. Tippett's passage	250 00

Hok Chiang.

Ngu Cheng, Miss Trimble	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss Allen	450 00
Woman's school	300 00
Bible-women	192 00
Romanized school	150 00
Day school and travel	420 00
Boarding school	800 00
Repairs	60 00
Insurance	35 00
Total for Foochow	$ 4,317 00

Japan.

Hakodati, Scholarships	$ 160 00
Oyama San Fuku	115 00
Takenaka San Hisa	94 00
Owada San	72 00
Hirosaki, Miss Southard	250 00
Repairs	25 00
Seventh and eighth grades	200 00
Miss Otto, home salary	350 00
Building	300 00
Sendai, Miss Phelps, salary and incidentals	750 00
Interest and taxes	325 00
Scholarships	200 00
Yonezawa Bible-woman	40 00
Sakuyama, Bible-women	54 00
Tokyo, Miss Daniel	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	280 00
Mathematics	225 00
Yokohama, Miss Griffiths	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	160 00
Graduate teacher	40 00
Tokiwa, Japanese literature	50 00
Total for Japan	$ 5,140 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Miss Severina Sona	$ 210 00
Scholarships	200 00
Lights	120 00
Ayapango, Jovita Benitez	174 00
Teacher	70 00
School supplies	45 00

Rent	$ 35 00
Bible-woman	60 00
Tezontepec, Assistant	200 00
Supplies and rent	45 00
Puebla, Scholarships	200 00
Total for Mexico	$ 1,359 00

South America.

Interest	$ 50 00
Total for So. America	$ 50 00

Italy.

Scholarships	200 00
New property	1,000 00
Total for Italy	$1,200 00

Africa.

Inhambane, Miss Mekkelson	$1,000 00
Total for Africa	$1,000 00

SUMMARY.

India	$26,370 00
China	8,627 00
Japan	5,140 00
South America	50 00
Mexico	1,359 00
Italy	1,200 00
Africa	1,000 00
Contingent	1,204 00
Grand Total	$44,950 00

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

North India.

Pithoragarh, Scholarships	$ 208 00
Teachers	27 00
Matron	24 00
Bhot, Bible-woman	24 00
Pauri, Scholarships	160 00
Bareilly, Scholarships	180 00
Matron	100 00
Evangelistic work	20 00
Budaon, Scholarships	130 00
Gonda, Scholarships	100 00
Teacher	37 00
Total for North India	$1,010 00

Northwest India.

Muttra, Probation Deaconess	$ 200 00
Training school teacher	60 00
Scholarships	60 00
Ajmere, Scholarships	150 00
Allahabad, Scholarships	60 00
Patiala, Bible-readers	80 00
Deobund, Bible-readers	40 00
Lahore, Bible-readers	140 00
Multan, Bible-readers	35 00
Roorkee, Mrs. Lyon's work	184 00
Itinerating	34 00
Carts	17 00
Conveyance and day schools	40 00
Total for N. W. India	$1,100 00

South India.

Kolar, Scholarships	$ 48 00
Two Bible-readers	40 00
Total, South India	$ 88 00

Bombay.

Miss Edith Thoy	$ 220 00
Scholarships	240 00
Day schools	100 00
Insurance	27 00
Hurda, Bible-women	28 00
Teacher	28 00
Baroda, Orphanage (conditional)	100 00
Total for Bombay	$ 743 00

Bengal-Burma.

Thandaung, Scholarships	$ 120 00
Total for Bengal-Burma	$ 120 00

Malaysia.

Singapore, Miss Blackmore	$ 525 00
Mrs. Buddery	144 00
Miss Meyer	144 00
Miss Wilmot	50 00
Miss Young	57 00
Mrs. Jones	180 00
Scholarships	320 00
Conf. and Finance Com. expenses	27 00
Interest	172 00
Furniture for girls' school	100 00
Rent, Methodist girls' school	54 00
Penang, Miss Martin	144 00
Vernacular teacher	56 00
For the work	550 00
Taiping	180 00
Philippines (Conditional)	97 00
Total for Malaysia	$ 2,800 00

North Japan.

Hakodati, Scholarships	$ 120 00
Total North Japan	$ 120 00

Central Japan.

Harrison Industrial Home, Miss Blackstock's salary	$ 600 00
Contingent expenses	150 00
Insurance	30 00
Repairs	75 00
Watchman	35 00
Mathematics	45 00
Literature	70 00
Art	70 00
Cooking	80 00
Two assistants, embroidery and sewing	75 00
Matron	50 00
Scholarships	400 00
Miss Baucus' work	20 00
Total for Central Japan	$1,700 00

Foochow Conference.

Foochow, Scholarships	$ 160 00
Romanized station class	150 00
Two medical students	50 00
Two Bible-woman	50 00
Kucheng, Four day schools	100 00
Scholarships	460 00
Repairs	30 00
Miss Rouse	525 00
Total for Foochow	$1,525 00

Hing Hua.

Scholarships	$ 150 00
Sieng In, Miss Nicolaisen	850 00
Total for Hing Hua	$1,000 00

West China,

Chung King, Scholarship	$ 20 00

Central China.

Ching Kiang, Orphans	$ 40 00
Scholarships	30 00

Bulgaria.

Loftcha, Scholarship	$ 40 00

South America,

Montevideo, Interest	$ 50 00
Total, S. America	$ 50 00

Summary.

North India	$1,010 00
Northwest India	1,100 00
South India	88 00
Bombay	743 00
Bengal-Burma	120 00
Malaysia	2,800 00
Japan	1,820 00
China	2,615 00
Bulgaria	40 00
South America	50 00
Contingent	614 00
Total for regular work	$11,000 00

TOPEKA BRANCH.

North India.

Pithoragarh, Scholarships	$ 80 00
Bible-women	30 00
Pauri, Scholarship	315 00
Bible-women	50 00
Budaon, Scholarships	120 00
Bareilly, Orphanage	140 00
Sitapur, Bible-women	80 00
Lucknow, Miss Fuller	325 00
Conveyance	80 00
Repairs	60 00
Bible-woman	30 00
Total	$ 1,310 00

Northwest India.

Muttra, Native scholarships	$ 50 00
Miss Murray	240 00
Scholarships	30 00
Ajmere, Scholarships	$ 300 00
Famine help	50 00
Assistant	80 00
Bible-women	60 00
Phalera, Bible-women	197 00
Itinerating	17 00
Aligarh, Bible-women	40 00
Meerut, Miss Livermore	650 00
Scholarships	525 00
Interest	120 00
Bible-women	300 00
Conveyance	67 00
Ghaziabad day school	300 00
Total	$ 3,030 00

South India.

Sironcha, Miss Blackmar	$ 650 00
Miss Partridge	220 00
Miss Martin	180 00
Munshi	40 00
Dormitory and repairs	200 00
Kolar, Scholarships	80 00
Miss Maskell's assistant	40 00
Total	$ 1,410 00

Japan.

Hakodate, Scholarships	240 00
Teacher, Kubo San	70 00
Pupil assistant	40 00
Sunday school	20 00
Hirosaki, Teacher	45 00
Sendai, Miss Imhof, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teachers and current expenses	225 00
Tokyo, Miss Watson, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	120 00
History teacher	225 00
Penmanship	70 00
Fence	50 00
Total	$ 2,605 00

North China.

Peking, Scholarships	$ 150 00
Tientsin, Dr. Stevenson, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teacher	25 00
Hospital, expenses	300 00
Chair hire	25 00
Scholarships	180 00
Tsun Hua, Scholarships	180 00
Teacher	40 00
Total	$ 1,650 00

Central China.

Chinkiang, Scholarships	$ 75 00
Kiukiang, Scholarships	150 00
Bible-woman	25 00
Teacher	30 00
Nanking, Bible-woman and itinerating	55 00
Total	$ 335 00

Foochow.

Scholarships	$ 75 00
Ku Cheng, Scholarships	375 00
Bible-women	50 00
Total,	$ 500 00

Hing Hua.

Scholarships	$ 540 00
Miss Varney, salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Total,	$ 1,290 00

Italy.

Rome, Scholarship, Rosa Esther	$ 100 00

South America.

Rosario, Miss Swaney, salary	$ 600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Assistants	820 00
Scholarships	375 00
Repairs and taxes	200 00
Matron's assistant	150 00
Cook	180 00
Medical attendance	25 00
School supplies	30 00
Trams to church	40 00
Total	$ 2,570 00
Contingent	1,000 00
Grand total,	$15,800 00

PACIFIC BRANCH.

North India.

Bhabar, Bible-women	$ 60 00
Rent	20 00
District traveling	20 00
Dwarahat, Scholarships	32 00
Pithoragarh, Scholarships	192 00
Pauri, Scholarships	192 00
Bijnour, Scholarships	40 00
Bareilly, Scholarships	100 00
Budaon, Scholarships	120 00
Gonda, Scholarships	150 00
Shahjehanpore, (east) Bible-woman	15 00
Sitapur, Miss Easton's salary	650 00
Scholarships	80 00
Second assistant	170 00
Lucknow, Inspectress	60 00
Barabanki, Bible-women	50 00
Hardoi, scholars	40 00
Brindaban, Bible-woman	30 00
Total,	$ 2,021 00

Northwest India.

Muttra, Bible-women	$ 60 00
Ajmere, Miss Mark's salary	325 00
First assistant	180 00
Second assistant	120 00
Scholarships	300 00
Famine help	50 00
Bible-readers	$ 315 00
Conveyance	40 00
Itinerating	30 00
Training widows	155 00
New missionary	500 00
Cawnpore, Scholarships	285 00
Allahabad, Scholarships	150 00
Meerut, Bible-women	100 00
Total,	$ 2,610 00

South India.

Madras, Orphans	$ 64 00
Kolar, Orphans	80 00
Total	144 00

Bombay.

Kampti, Mrs Butterfield's salary	$ 220 00
Bible-women	80 00
Village work	60 00
Day schools	200 00
Rent	50 00
Conveyance	60 00
Total	$ 670 00

Bengal-Burma.

Rangoon, Scholarships	$ 280 00
Burmese girls school	200 00
Thandaung, Orphanage	80 00
Pakur, Orphans	350 00
Teacher Krepamonji	40 00
Teacher Saramoni	40 00
Teacher Kajashari	20 00
Teacher Rajobala	20 00
Total	$1,030 00

North China.

Peking, Scholar	$ 30 00
Tsun Hua, Bible-woman	40 00
Total	$ 70 00

Central China

Chinkiang, Scholars	$ 60 00
Dr. Taft's salary	750 00
Drugs	35 00
Day schools	65 00
Total	$ 910 00

Foochow.

Kucheng, Day school	$ 25 00

Hing Hua.

Hing Hua, Scholarships	$ 90 00

Japan.

Hakodate, Scholar	$ 40 00
Nagoya, Bible woman	72 00
Total	$ 112 00

South Japan.

Nagasaki, Scholars	80 00

Korea.

Seoul, Two Scholars	90 00

Summary.

North India	$ 2,021 00
Northwest India	2,610 00
South India	144 00
Bombay	670 00
Bengal-Burma	1,030 00
Central China	910 00
North China	70 00
Foochow	25 00
Hing Hua	90 00
Japan	112 00
South Japan	80 00
Korea	90 00
Contingent	148 00
Total	$ 8,000 00

COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH.

North India.

Dwarahat, Scholarships	$ 48 00
Pitharagarh and Bhot	72 00
Budaon, Scholarships	30 00
Bareilly, Scholarships	50 00
Lucknow, Mrs. Ward	160 00
Gonda, Scholarships	50 00
Native teacher	35 00
Total for North India	$ 445 00

Northwest India.

Aligarh, Scholarship	$ 15 00
Muttra, Scholarships	45 00
Meerut, Scholarships	450 00
Mussoorie and Rajpore	160 00
Total for N. W. India	$ 670 00

Bombay Conference.

Bombay, Scholarships	$ 120 00
Native teachers	130 00
Gujarath, Orphanage	460 00
Baroda building (conditional)	50 00
Total for Bombay Conf.	$ 760 00

Bengal-Burma.

Calcutta, Bible-woman	$ 60 00
Total for Bengal	$ 60 00

Malaysia.

Singapore, Miss Lilly	$ 425 00
Vernacular teacher	57 60
Scholarships	140 00
Miss Gunatilaka	216 00
Miss Hightling	72 60
Conveyance and horse	280 00
Piano (conditional)	100 00
Expense of delegate to Central and Annual Conferences and Finance Committee	117 00
Total for Malaysia	$ 1,407 00

China.

Foochow, Scholarships	$ 40 00
Miss Parkinson	450 00
Furniture (cond'l) on outfit	129 00
Kucheng	20 00
Total for China	$ 639 00

North Japan.

Hakodate, Scholarships	$ 80 00
Sujiyama San	65 00
Repairs	25 00
Hirosaki, Bible-woman	30 00
Building	100 00
Total for North Japan	$ 300 00

Central Japan.

Tokyo, Industrial scholarships	$ 120 00
Teacher in wood carving	35 00
Yokohama, Literary work	20 00
Scholarships	80 00
Total for Cent. Japan	$ 255 00

Summary.

North India	$ 445 00
Northwest India	670 00
Bombay	760 00
Bengal-Burma	60 00
Malaysia	1,407 00
China	639 00
Japan	555 00
Contingent	364 00
Grand total	$ 4,900 00

Summary of Appropriations for 1900.

	BY COUNTRIES.	
India.		
North India Conference	$44,913 00	
Northwest India Conference	31,097 00	
South India Conference	21,086 00	
Bombay India Conference	30,471 00	
Bengal-Burmah Conference	14,131 00	
Total for India		$141,698 00
Malaysia Mission Conference		7,271 00
Total for India and Malaysia		$148,969 00
China.		
North China	$21,685 00	
Central China	14,966 00	
West China	4,900 00	
Hing-Hua	7,190 00	
Foochow	24,372 00	
Total for China		$73,113 00
Japan.		
North Japan and Central Japan	$34,106 00	
Southern Japan	12,755 00	
Total for Japan		$46,861 00
Korea		12,584 00
Italy		10,640 00
Bulgaria		3,480 00
South America		15,835 00
Mexico		18,298 00
Africa		2,125 00
Norway		50 00
North Germany		175 00
South Germany		125 00
Switzerland		250 00
Total for Countries		$332,505 00
Contingent		14,500 00
Total Appropriation		$347,005 00
Twentieth Century Thank Offering		100,000 00
		$447,005 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMOUNT OF MONEY COLLECTED FROM OCTOBER 1, 1898, TO OCTOBER 1, 1899, BY BRANCHES.

New England Branch	$34,620 64
New York "	62,377 68
Philadelphia "	36,431 52
Baltimore "	19,626 73
Cincinnati "	45,117 06
Northwestern "	87,893 00
Des Moines "	36,006 25
Minneapolis "	10,744 34
Topeka "	14,824 04
Pacific "	7,997 91
Columbia River "	4,699 46
Total for 1899	$360,338 63
Raised in 1898	328,488 75
Increase	$ 31,849 88

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PERIODICALS—1899.

	Woman's Missionary Friend,	Children's Missionary Friend	Frauen Missions Freund.	The Study.
New England Branch	2,504	3,757	52	2,563
New York Branch	3,170	3,437	282	3,768
Philadelphia Branch	2,165	2,157	55	3,053
Baltimore Branch	811	956	40	785
Cincinnati Branch	2,459	2,233	209	3,185
Northwestern Branch	5,308	4,654	704	5,904
Des Moines Branch	2,319	2,459	529	3,675
Minneapolis Branch	583	1,143	567	780
Topeka Branch	1,123	1,293	540	1,959
Pacific Branch	485	535	110	492
Columbia River	279	337	45	452
Scattering	360	183	36	12
Foreign	246	188	540	
	21,812	23,332	3,718	26,628
Report of 1898	20,858	21,769	3,510	24,443
Increase for year	954	1,563	208	2,185

Receipts of Society Since Organization.

From	March,	1869,	to	April,	1870	$ 4,546 86
"	April 1,	1870,	to	"	1871	22,397 99
"	"	1871,	to	"	1872	44,477 46
"	"	1872,	to	"	1873	54,834 87
"	"	1873,	to	"	1874	64,309 25
"	"	1874,	to	"	1875	61,492 19
"	"	1875,	to	Feb. 10,	1876	55,276 06
"	Feb. 10,	1876,	to	"	1877	72,464 30
"	"	1877,	to	"	1878	68,063 52
"	"	1878,	to	"	1879	66,843 69
"	"	1879,	to	"	1880	76,276 43
"	"	1880,	to	"	1881	107,932 45
"	"	1881,	to	Oct. 1,	1882	195,678 50
"	Oct. 1,	1882,	to	"	1883	126,823 33
"	"	1883,	to	"	1884	143,199 14
"	"	1884,	to	"	1885	157,442 66
"	"	1885,	to	"	1886	167,098 85
"	"	1886,	to	"	1887	191,158 13
"	"	1887,	to	"	1888	206,308 69
"	"	1888,	to	"	1889	226,496 15
"	"	1889,	to	"	1890	220,329 96
"	"	1890,	to	"	1891	263,660 69
"	"	1891,	to	"	1892	265,342 15
"	"	1892,	to	"	1893	277,303 79
"	"	1893,	to	"	1894	311,925 96
"	"	1894,	to	"	1895	289,227 00
"	"	1895,	to	"	1896	285,823 94
"	"	1896,	to	"	1897	313,937 86
"	"	1897,	to	"	1898	328,488 75
"	"	1898,	to	"	1899	360,338 63
Total since organization						$5,049,199 25

Report of Publisher.

Pauline J. Walden, Publisher in Account with Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Oct. 1st, 1898 to Oct. 1st, 1899.

To cash on hand			$ 1,055 71
" " Received from Subscriptions to W. M. F.	$10,442 92		
" " " " " " C. M. F.	2,406 19		
" " " " " " F. M. F.	918 70		
			13,767 81
" " " " " The Study..	$ 667 44		
" " " " Literature	1,589 37		
			2,256 81
" " " " Deficit on Quarterlies	$ 220 75		
" " " " Advertising	282 90		
" " " " Interest on Loans and Dep.	246 13		
" " " " Payment on Mortgage	150 00		
" " " " Sundries	16 29		
			916 07
Total			17,996 40
By Cash Paid for Woman's Missionary Friend	$ 7,766 11		
" " " " Editor's Salary and Incidentals..	746 65		
			8,512 76
" " " " Children's Missionary Friend	$ 2,103 07		
" " " " Editor's Salary and Incidentals..	262 96		
			2,366 03
" " " " Frauen Missions Freund	$ 745 38		
" " " " Editor's Salary and Incidentals..	253 60		
			998 98
" " " " Literature Expenses			$ 3,123 16
" " " " Publisher's Salary	$ 700 00		
" " " " Office Expenses	423 02		
			1,123 02
" " " " Insurance	$ 26 70		
" " " " Commission on Advertising	64 42		
" " " " Incidental Expenses	49 26		
			140 38
Advanced by order of General Executive Committee.			
By Traveling Expenses of Editors and Publisher to Indianapolis and return			$ 112 50
" Cash on Hand			1,610 57
			$17,996 40

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Publisher.*

Report of Literature Committee for 1898 and 1899.

If missionary zeal depends on means of information, there is to-day no apology for ignorance and apathy. A few years ago there were few facilities for getting missionary information, and ignorance was not so culpable, but now effective means are at hand whereby all may inform themselves as to the exact condition of the world's needs.

The Literature Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society closes another year's work with gratitude that it has been permitted to do a little in the line of spreading information concerning the growing and ever developing work of the Society.

The first work of the year was the publication of the *Leaflet Report*, presented by the Secretary at the Anniversary. Of this fifteen thousand copies were issued. It contained 16 pages. This provides for a circulation of but one leaflet to every ten persons in our constituency, to say nothing of the great body of ministers and others that we desire to reach through the medium of a short, concise statement of the year's work.

General Annual Report. The Annual Report which is so essential to the worker, containing so much that cannot be found elsewhere, grows each year. Twenty additional pages were added this last year, and in looking over it, one seems at a loss to select any part which could be left out without seriously affecting the whole. If we should venture any suggestion it would be that there might be a little more uniformity in the length of reports from the foreign field. The home reports are generally very clear and concise, taking up but little space.

The suggestion has come from various sources that there appear in connection with each home report, an itemized treasurer's account, or the expenditures of each Branch to the various countries, as it seems very difficult to find out either from Branch or Annual Report the expenditures of all the Branches.

The cost of the report was greater this year, owing to the addition of twenty pages, which in an edition of 2,500 would add fifty thousand pages, and the issue of a much smaller edition naturally increases the price.

The following action was taken at the meeting of the Literature Committee:

WHEREAS, We regard the General Annual Report of the Society essential as a band of union between the Branches, and as a book of reference and information to every worker, in the Society, and

WHEREAS the editions ordered by the last two General Executive Committees were not large enough to supply one-half of our auxiliaries with even one copy, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend the publishing each year of a sufficient number to furnish at least one to each auxiliary and to supply the various exchanges and others to whom they are regularly sent.

The Study has increased in circulation during the year, and now numbers 26,628 subscribers, an increase of 2,185 over the preceding year, showing the largest advance of any of the periodicals. Three hundred and thirty-five thousand copies have been issued. We take this as a very encouraging and significant indication, as stimulating a desire for knowledge of our work. In some districts we know nearly every auxiliary takes the *Study*, and the effect is seen in increased contributions.

Reading Course. The committee has been gratified at the evident favor with which the reading course has been received.

At the suggestion or instruction of the General Executive Committee last year, we substituted for "Chinese Characteristics," by Rev. Arthur Smith, the "Real Chinaman," by Chester Halcombe, in the second year's course, and added the "Life of Hu Yung Mi," of the Foochow Conference.

We have had notification from sixty-five persons who have completed the first year's course, and a few the second year. Many have written of the great help and inspiration they have received. The Northwestern and Philadelphia Branches have taken the lead in this movement, each having sixteen persons who have completed the course, while Topeka stands next with nine and Des Moines follows with eight. From the great literary centre, the New England Branch, we have heard no word. Baltimore Branch reports three, while from the New York Branch we have just one.

The certificates have been issued and are ready to be sent out.

Not only the Committee, but the whole Society is under obligations to Bishop C. D. Foss for his India Pen-Pictures, an address on his visit to India, with observations and appreciative words concerning the work of the Society. It is a little pamphlet of twenty-four pages, sold at 10 cents. An edition of 2,500 was issued. It is very neatly gotten up.

Annual Meeting. The Committee held its annual meeting in New York in February with Mrs. Knowles at the residence of Mrs. J. M. Reid, and was in session for three days. All the members were pres-

ent except Mrs. Pooley, who was detained. Every moment of the three days was given to laying plans for the development of the literature. The topics for study were very carefully considered. Many commendatory words were received concerning the *Study* for the present year, in concentrating the thought for six months on China. In the arrangement for the coming year, we decided to do the same on Japan.

This is a period of transition in Japan and it behooves us to keep informed of the changes which seem as frequent as the changes in the moon.

LESSON TOPICS FOR 1900.

January.	Review of 1899 with gleanings from the field.
February.	Twentieth Century thank-offering.
March.	A glimpse of our work in Papal lands.
April.	The Philippines and Loochoo Islands.
May.	Angola, our new Mission field in Africa.
June.	A symposium on young people's work.
July.	Ecumenical Missionary Conference.
August.	Japan, early history, geography and the Ainos.
September.	Japan, people and social customs.
October.	Japan, arts and industries.
November.	Literature and education.
December.	The coming of Christmas to Japan.

The project of most general interest was that of a prayer calendar for 1900. The Committee gave much time to this, desiring to issue something that would be creditable to the Society in this, the 30th year in its history.

The division of months among the various Branches we thought would increase the value to the entire constituency. It has a very neat cover, and the first page is devoted to a summary of statistics. There are several cuts of persons and buildings, founders and missionaries, appropriate subjects for prayers, and quotations of a spiritual character, and many verses of very familiar hymns. It is a daily reminder of the service and duty of every Methodist woman to the W. F. M. S. Some objected to the general plan of preparation fearing there would be great repetition, but after carefully examining it, only in two cases was there a repetition of sentiment or passage of Scripture. Our publisher would not take any vacation during the summer, but devoted herself to this work.

Leaflets. Some eighteen new leaflets have been issued during the year. Two of the Boarding-school series, Calcutta and Peking, have appeared. We especially call attention to and commend the Flag

series, so beautifully gotten up, on Japan, Korea and Tibet, India and Africa, Italy, Mexico and South America. They are full of information, and just what is needed for young and old, and very cheap.

Handbook or Worker's Manual. For some time an effort has been made to provide a hand-book for reference, which should contain in a condensed form information which would be accessible to everybody. It was a little difficult to decide just what should appear in such a Manual, but after consultation with the Committee, the chairman prepared what would make a booklet of fifteen to twenty pages. It was submitted to the members of the Committee, their suggestions noted, and sent to the printer. The proof sheets were then submitted to the Committee of Reference at their meeting in Evanston. There seemed to be lack of unanimity among them as to what such a book should contain and its issue has been indefinitely postponed.

The appointment of an Advisory Board as planned for by the Executive Committee has not yet been completed, only two of the Branches having complied with the suggestion.

Quite a number of old leaflets have been reprinted, as there seems to be a constant demand for them.

REPRINTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 1898 TO OCTOBER 1, 1899.

April, 1898—Story of a Dime, Hid with Christ. June, 1899—Seven Reasons, Two Ways, The Words of a Prayer, The Experience of an Auxiliary President, Medical Missionaries and Their Work, He Gives Twice who Gives Quickly, More Than They All, No Room, Old Betsey's Mission Gifts. The number of these printed was 51,000, or 218,000 pages.

LIST OF LEAFLETS AND LITERATURE FROM OCTOBER 1, 1898 TO OCTOBER 1, 1899.

December, 1898 — Christmas Here and There, 8 pages; Leaflet Report, 16 pages. January, 1899—Ancestor Worship, 4 pages; Baroda Orphanage, 4 pages; Flag Series, China, 32 pages; Boarding School Series, Calcutta Girls' School, 8 pages. February, 1899—Confucius and His Teachings, 6 pages. April, 1899—Thank-Offering of Fair Town, 6 pages; India Pen Pictures, 24 pages; Flag Series, Japan, 32 pages; Flag Series, Korea and Tibet, 30 pages; Flag Series, India, 32 pages; Flag Series, Africa, 32 pages. June, 1899—Boarding School Series, Peking Girls' School, 12 pages. August, 1899—Esther Kim Pak, 16 pages. September, 1899—Flag Series, Italy, 24 pages; Flag Series, Mexico, 40 pages; Flag Series, South America, 24 pages. Number printed, 92,500; pages, 1,790,000; General Executive Report, 256 pages; number printed, 2,500, pages, 640,000. STUDY, 4 pages;

number printed, 335,000; pages, 1,340,000. Total number printed, 430,000, pages, 3,770,000.

REPORT OF GERMAN LITERATURE.

We have been privileged to see again this year how great a power for good the literature may be. A case that happened in the beginning of the year convinces us of the necessity of bringing our work and our workers closer together by the means of literature. A letter from Miss Lebäus in our Church paper, *The Apologete*, resulted in the gift of $1,000 from one of its readers, for the building of the school she was asking for in that appeal. If she had not written to this paper, and if the editor had not printed this letter, Mr. Knoechel would not have read it and would not have given the $1,000; we see how much depends on the printed word. We do not forget that the Holy Spirit has taken a part in this work, but of this we have spoken in our report of the German work and we only wish to show here the importance of literature.

The annual report was somewhat larger this year than formerly, containing a condensed report of every mission-field. It had always been distributed gratuitously but this year it was sold for 5 cents a copy which was gladly paid, as the news from the field was greatly appreciated. The printing and sending out of this report cost $48.48 and we realized $33 from the sale of it. We could print two free leaflets therefore, one on "Footbinding in China," for which we were furnished with a cut by courtesy of the Northwestern Branch, and "The Country Auxiliary," which we received for translation from its author, Mrs. Carter of Iowa. The former had been sent out only a week, when a sister from a charge where we have no auxiliary sent $10 for the poor Chinese women. We have now in print "Our Work in Korea," which is in pamphlet form and illustrated. We expect this to do good work.

We would respectfully ask for a grant of $75 for this year, $25 more than we received last year for free literature. We intend to sell all we possibly can, but we wish to be able to let the Secretaries distribute leaflets free, when they think it is necessary for the good of the work.

Tabulated Account.

Annual Report	4,000	copies,	64,000	pages
Footbinding	3,000	"	12,000	"
The Country Auxiliary	3,000	"	12,000	"
Total	10,000	"	88,000	"

We had nothing new printed for sale, except the one now in print, but we bought a few leaflets from other German Missionary Societies to have a choice for those who have read all our leaflets and wished to have something new. The receipts, $30.26, do not seem very large, but adding the $33 received for the report, the sum will be $63.26, which is

quite a good showing for us. We would like to ask permission to print a new exercise for open meetings, also a children's leaflet, if possible.

The story of the W. F. M. S., in German is in the hands of the translator and we hoped to have the manuscript ready for print by this time but circumstances prevented. "More German literature," is the constant cry, but with the work of the *Freund*, the work in Germany and Switzerland and the superintendency of the German work we hardly find time to attend to this part of our work, and yet we realize how useful these leaflets are and how much good they are doing. With new hope we look into the future, as we now have a valuable helper in Miss Rothweiler, we expect to report better results in the coming year.

PH. ACHARD.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

OCTOBER 1, 1898 TO OCTOBER 1, 1899.

By Cash paid for *The Study*	$ 368 00		
" " " " Mailing and Postage *The Study*	179 80		
		$	547 80
" " " " Literature	$ 680 40		
" " " " Annual Reports	533 45		
" " " " Helps and Books	186 12		
" " " " Leaflets from Other Boards	94 66		
" " " " German Leaflets	50 00		
" " " " Appropriation for Children's Leaflets	100 00		
" " " " Office Help	265 71		
" " " " Express and Postage	155 56		
" " " " Editor's Salary and Incidentals	443 59		
" " " " Traveling Expenses of Committee	46 82		
" " " " Cuts for Calendar	19 05		
			2,575 36
		$	3,123 16
To Cash received for *The Study*	$ 667 44		
" " " " Literature, etc.	1,091 86		
" " " " Annual Reports	417 69		
" " " " Leaflet Report	79 82		
			2,256 81
Cash Deficit			866 35
Assets in Literature	$ 850 00		
Bills due	175 00		
			1,025 00
Cash Deficit			866 35
Net Balance		$	158 65

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Treasurer.*

Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.

The Constitutional Publication Committee met in Evanston, with Mrs. Alderman in the chair. Members present: Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Stevens. Mrs. Cowen, Mrs. Crandon, Mrs. Huston, Miss Watson and Mrs. Keen.

Communications were received from the publisher, Miss Walden, and from the editors, Miss Hodgkins and Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Achard presented her own report. The latter urged the necessity of supplying a considerable amount of free literature to the Germans.

A specimen of the calendar for 1900 was submitted and suggestions made, to be forwarded to the Literature Committee. It promises to be a very interesting and instructive annual. The necessity was urged that it should be in the hands of the Society for sale at the Branch Annual Meetings.

The proof of a Workers' Manual was submitted, and it was decided that under present circumstances its publication should be delayed.

The price of the booklet, *India Pen Pictures*, so kindly given to the society by Bishop Foss, was fixed, and the secretaries were urged to notice it prominently in their Branches.

Miss Thoburn, being present, was asked to give the Committee the present condition of the funds of the Zenana paper. She reported that for some years the sums sent from America had been inadequate for the publication of the four papers, and the paper was now in debt over five hundred dollars. Upon inquiry of the Secretaries it was ascertained that certain securities that had been given to the endowment had greatly depreciated in value, and other investments paid a much lower rate of interest than formerly. All receipts from the investments had been promptly forwarded. It was resolved that upon the receipt of more accurate information of the amount of deficiency in India, some means should be taken to reduce the embarrassment.

Having received memorials from the Pacific and Columbia River Branches concerning the deficit on the publication of the Quarterlies,

Resolved, That the Pacific and Columbia River Branches be asked to pay for these Quarterlies in proportion to the number of subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Friend.*

The Committee met in Cleveland, October 23rd, Mrs. Alderman in the chair; all members present. The reports of the agent and editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* were received and referred to the General Executive Committee. The reports from the editors of the *Children's Missionary Friend* and *Woman's Missionary Friend* in German, also from the Chairman and Treasurer of the Literature Committee, were received and referred to the General Executive Committee.

A resolution was passed that the aggregate of amounts appropriated to each Foreign Conference should be published in the Annual Executive Report.

Resolved, That the secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be requested to prepare a report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the General Conference of 1900.

Resolved, That this report be printed for general distribution at the General Conference.

S. L. KEEN, *Secretary Con. Pub. Com.*

REPORT OF ZENANA PAPER.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1898 to SEPTEMBER 30, 1899.

Received from investments		$ 922 30
Sent to Mrs. E. W. Parker, India:		
1899		
February 20	$ 325 00	
June 27	357 30	
September 30	240 00	
		922 30

H. B. SKIDMORE, *Treasurer.*

Report of Woman's Missionary Friend.—1899.

Prof. Seeley, the renowned historian of Cambridge, England, was once asked how he made history interesting: "I, make history interesting," he answered, in surprise. "When I find a man that isn't interested in history, I never try to alter history, I go to work and do my best to alter the man."

The editor of the *Friend*, in this last, most notable year of great events that has seen Russia and England, Germany and France using their utmost diplomatic energy for the largest slice of China, that has seen Japan come under utterly new constitutional laws, which seriously affect our mission interests, that has seen Japan and China unite in a strange friendship on a ground of common hate, that has seen Korea throne and dethrone her reform party, that has seen the islands of the sea under the excitement and in the confusion of continued war, that has seen the great Empire of India in a hand-to-hand fight with plague and threatened famine, that has seen Egypt after a long and hard-fought campaign come under Christian rule, and South Africa in a war-resulting ferment, has not had to make missions interesting, but who has not been interested has been in sore need of alteration both from an intellectual and spiritual point of view.

The contributions for the *Friend* the current year have been in number 121, of which eighty-four were foreign, thirty-seven from home contributors. Of the foreign contributions, China has given us thirty-two, Japan twelve, Korea four, India twenty-six, Mexico four, South America two, Italy one, Tibet one, Africa one, Burma one and Bulgaria none.

The year's issues have been devoted largely to China to accord with the Uniform Studies, no number having been published without an article to accompany the Study for the month. December, April, June and July have been special numbers.

The July issue gave the opportunity of celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the *Friend*, and the special privilege, long coveted, of placing before our readers the counterfeit presentment of the beloved first never-forgotten editor of the magazine. The letters that greeted the anniversary number were legion and could be acknowledged only in an editorial paragraph. It was the editor's design to make the July

issue, 1899, with the aid of its references, a final reference number with regard to the history of the *Friend*, until new history is made; e. g., when she records 30,000 subscriptions and takes new departures in consequence of enlarged revenues.

About midyear, the editor took up the file of Branch reports, and from each selected one or two names from the Executive Committee of each Branch, choosing usually those whom she had never seen, and propounded the following questions:

"On receiving a fresh copy of the *Friend*, to what, as a matter of interest, do you turn first? To what second?"

Of the twelve, seven chose the Quarterlies, either as first or second choice, four the editorials, three the motto for the month, two the Post-office Box, one the News column, one the Treasurer's report, one the Young Woman's Department, one the Books and Magazines column, one the stories, one the Personal Mention, while, almost without exception each added that she read every word of the magazine and was interested in it all. Of course, another twelve would bring another result, but two points interested the editor. First, the hold the Quarterlies had on the constituency and second, that every department had primary interest to somebody. The editor wishes to express her acknowledgments to the Quarterly editors for their cordial co-operation, their general promptness and their kind approval of suggestions made.

The Twentieth Century Thank-Offering has been before the eyes of the editor, and nine contributions, not counting editorial paragraphs, have appeared relative to Thank-offering buildings in progress, just completed or contemplated. The call for the amount of contributions for each Branch that can be legitimately counted on thus far, is being answered and the amount will appear in the November issue, to be retained for three years, and marking our progress from month to month. This will be open to monthly correction.

Our Books and Magazines column is attracting almost too much interest from the fact that much good literature, not appropriate to the *Friend*, for want of adaptability to mission interests, is laid aside with no notice whatever. Special attention has been given this year to the selections under Worth Reading. It is hoped that the superb articles that have appeared in the *Contemporary Review*, the *Nineteenth Century*, *Harper's Magazine* and *The Century*, on China, have been largely read. Our increased commercial relations with that interesting country and the political difficulties in which she has been involved for the past five years, have had their compensations in literature, giving us illuminating articles, such as our missionaries would not have time to write, even did their opportunities furnish them with the necessary data. The

auxiliaries who have followed the Uniform Study all the year should have found their best help, if they have been so fortunate as to live in a city or town furnished with a public library, through a general reading-room supplied with the best magazines.

Sixty-one illustrations have made real to our readers our missionaries and their housings, some of our more notable native workers, the girls of our schools, the forms of idol-worship and some interesting interiors. After many days, the *Friend* has fallen into line, much farther in the rear than she has ever allowed herself to be in other matters, with other missionary, religious and secular magazines, and published several portraits of our leaders at home and abroad, beginning appropriately with the valued picture of Mrs. Skidmore. Speaking of books and magazines, sixty have been sent to our missionaries.

The column of New Ventures has been practically discontinued on account of its natural evolution in the pages of the Quarterlies.

There is much diversity in the practice of sending financial reports for the Business Department of the magazine. Would it not be more systematic to report regularly or not at all?

The office wrote another letter to each Branch in the early part of the year to inquire what plan had been formulated for getting thirty thousand subscribers for our thirty years. In most cases she received the answer, "None; but we intend to get as many subscribers as possible." One answered, "We are asking every woman member of the church in our Branch to take the *Friend* and the *Children's Friend*." That Branch has made a fine increase this year. Now, we do not say of our appropriation that we are going to make no definite plan, but will do all we can, nor of our public meetings that we hold them, but no time in particular. When we make as definite arrangements for subscription-taking, following every agent in every auxiliary as carefully for subscription as membership-fees, 30,000 or 40,000 will not be a task too hard for us.

When all our Branch Secretaries, District Secretaries, Conference Secretaries and Corresponding Secretaries of auxiliaries give our periodicals the right place in their thought and effort, no speaker, missionary or lay-worker will come back from her appointment without reporting subscriptions. She will always be asked what she did on this line. No report of a District, Conference or Branch meeting will appear in our church papers without mention of what was done for the periodicals at the meeting. No auxiliary Corresponding Secretary, or other officer made agent for the *Friend*, will consider her task fairly attempted until she has personally given by verbal request or letter an opportunity for every member to take one of the *Friends*. Her auxiliary President will call for this report in monthly meeting.

One thing more will come about in that happy day. We shall at last see that this was the true way to ensure large receipts and defunct auxiliaries or revived auxiliaries will vanish forever from our reports. Who ever heard of an auxiliary dying where one-half or one-third of its members subscribed for the *Friend?* The mistake is in not recognizing it is that way success lies.

The Pope of Rome has proclaimed 1900 a Holy Year, wherein a Holy War shall be carried on to restore his temporal sovereignty. Let us proclaim a Holy Year, a year of high and sacred vows to restore in our own hearts God's sovereignty over our wills, our purposes, our plans, our lives. Then we shall come to bring the reports of 1900 with a story of attainment yet unwritten or undreamed in the beautiful history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

LOUISE MANNING HODGKINS,
Editor Woman's Missionary Friend.

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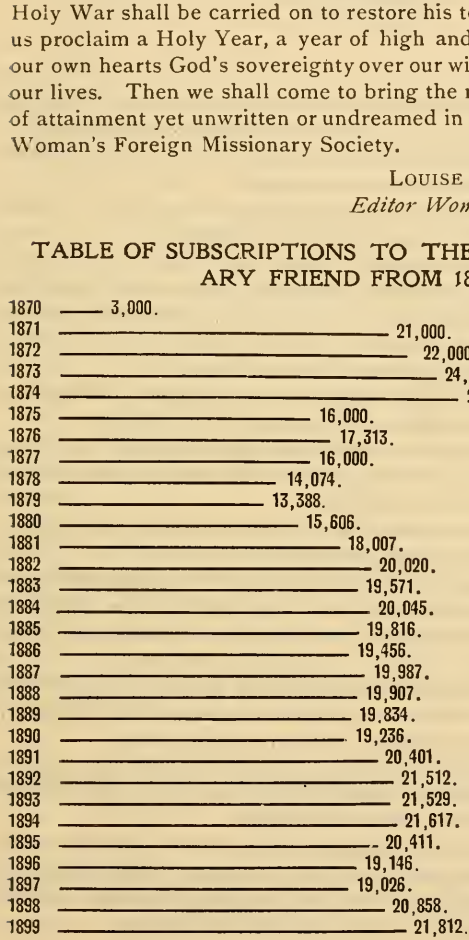

Children's Missionary Friend for 1899.

Ten years ago, when the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in Detroit, Michigan, it was decided to start a children's paper, and in January, 1890, the first number of the *Heathen Children's Friend* made its appearance.

This then is its tenth birthday, and from this happy height we look back gratefully over the brief history already recorded.

At first it was an eight page monthly, but in 1891 its size was increased to twelve pages, and more illustrations were given. The first year it had but 5,128 subscribers. In 1893 one page was devoted to the Little Light Bearers, whose ranks have been increasing ever since, until now the patter of their feet is heard all over the land.

In 1896 the name of the paper was changed to *Children's Missionary Friend*, and a pretty new heading was given to its title page.

Two years ago its price was raised from 15 to 20 cents for single subscriptions, leaving the club rate unchanged; that is, 10 cents each for ten or more copies sent to one person.

The subscription list has steadily increased year by year, until it now numbers 23,332, a gain of 1,563 over 1898.

Best of all, the past year the little *Friend* has paid its own bills, and reports a modest surplus of $40.16. This means much to the publisher and editor, who have aimed from the first to make it even more than self-supporting.

Considering the excellent illustrations, fine quality of paper and its extremely low price, it can never bring large gains to the treasury, however, unless it has a much larger number of subscribers.

We have faith to ask 30,000 for 1900. And why should we not have them? This is the only children's foreign missionary periodical in our church, and it aims to deserve a wide circulation.

If we believe in training the coming generation to be intelligent and generous givers, we can do no better than to furnish fresh, attractive missionary books and papers. We can hardly over-estimate the importance of working while our boys and girls are children.

A friend was telling us one day about his little ones—a girl of five years, and a boy of three. The boy was extremely mischievous, and one day the mother, in momentary despair, exclaimed: "What a naughty boy you are! I don't know what I shall do with you!" Quick as thought little Edith's tiny forefinger was extended as she retorted: "*Woe to you, then, when he grows up!*"

Dear friends, will you make the application?

We are told that it is very difficult to find those who are willing to take charge of the children. But shall we not hope that the Holy Spirit Himself may awaken a sense of great responsibility and blessed opportunity in the hearts of those who can do and ought to do this work?

The past year has seen a new feature in the little *Friend*, namely, the report month by month of the children's gifts for the Baroda Orphanage in India. The shares taken and thus reported amount to $796.13. Owing to the fact that the sum required for this undertaking ($6,000) was not included in Branch appropriations last year, it was impossible to make a united effort; but, with the Orphanage recognized by all Branches as the Children's Twentieth Century Thank offering, we look for enthusiastic giving the coming year. Meanwhile the famine orphans are crowded into unsuitable quarters, and simply "sheltered to save them" by our faithful missionaries in Baroda, who wait hopefully, begging the children to "work a little faster."

We trust all funds raised for this special object will be promptly reported to the *Friend* as heretofore, while the money, plainly designated, is sent through the usual channels to the respective Branch Treasurers.

And now, facing toward the new year and the new century, we believe the dear missionaries who have sent us such delightful contributions from foreign fields, the home workers who have so nobly sustained their department, and everyone, old and young, who has secured subscriptions, are going to stand by us as in the past. Nay, more! if promises mean anything, the little *Friend* is to win thousands of new friends, becoming more widely useful as it reveals to them their duty and privilege as mission workers.

MRS. O. W. SCOTT, *Editor*.

REPORT OF THE "FRAUEN-MISSIONS-FREUND" FOR THE YEAR 1898-1899.

Ten years ago the General Executive Committee entrusted us with the editorship of the German edition of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, or *Heathen Woman's Friend* as it is was then called. It seemed then, as if we never could do this work, but love to an overburdened friend

compelled us to try in some way to help her, even if we should fail in the accomplishing of it. But how wonderfully our Great Helper has sustained us! He has not only given strength, time and ability, but also an efficient helper in a daughter who in these ten years has gladly given her aid in this work for the Master's sake. We are thankful for the steady increase of the number of subscribers in these ten years, so that we can report now 3718, while we had 2044 ten years ago. This is not such a very small number when we compare with our membership of 4082.

When we were informed that the increase for this year was but 148 we were a little disappointed, for we fully expected 500 more; but we felt consoled when we remembered that every reader will be a better member of the auxiliary for the reading of the paper and we are very glad that we have no decrease to report.

The interest which the sisters take in their paper and its editor is very encouraging; some auxiliaries have reported more subscribers than members, Le Mars, Iowa, taking the lead with 68 subscribers to 44 members. In one auxiliary the *Freund* is shown to every new member with the remark that she must subscribe for it as it is used in every meeting. The encouraging remarks in the letters are very pleasant: "we pray for you," "we could not do without our *Freund*," "those who read it are finding a blessing in it," we have a few old sisters who have plenty of time to read and they love the *Freund* and they enjoy the serial stories, like Sooboonagam Ammal and Chundra Lela.

That the appeals in it are not only read but thought about and prayed about show the special gifts for sisters Rothweiler and Lebeus, who had sent in a special request for their respective fields of labor.

We often desire to have more space to fill out, especially when the interesting reports from the Conferences Secretaries have to be left out again and again because the receipts take up so much room and the missionary matter is threatened to be crowded out. But how can we think of such a thing, as long as the paper is not self-supporting? We hope and expect from year to year to reach this happy goal, but it seems as if the time would never come. One thought is our consolation, however, and that is, that many a dollar goes into the treasury that would not go there but for the *Freund* which suggested the gift.

We begin the new year with more courage than we began the last, we know more of the needs of the work, more of what is expected of us and feel the power of the many prayers that are ascending for us to the throne of grace.

We have proven that His word is true; that in this work also we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

PH. ACHARD, *Editor*.

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The Corresponding Secretaries of the several Branches, constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West 59th St., New York, is *Chairman*, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, 2406 Highland Ave., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is *Secretary*.

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STUDIES FOR 1900.

January.	Review and Gleanings from the Field.
February.	The Twentieth Century Thank-offering.
March.	Glimpses of Our Work in Papal Lands.
April.	Philippines and Loo Choo Islands.
May.	Angola, our New Mission Field in Africa.
June.	A Symposium on Young People's Work.
July.	The Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions.
August.	Japan : Early History, Geography and the Ainos.
September.	Japan : People and Social Customs.
October.	Japan : Arts and Industries.
November.	Japan : Literature and Education.
December.	The Coming of Christmas to Japan.

Summary of Foreign Work.

The Society supports 193 Missionaries located as follows:

North India Conference	27
North West India Conference	10
South India Conference	9
Bombay Conference	9
Bengal-Burma Conference	11
Malaysia	3
Foochow and Hing Hwa	20
Central China	15
North China	12
West China	3
Korea	9
Japan	23
Bulgaria	2
Italy	3
South America	6
Mexico	6
Africa	1
At Home on Furlough	24

Of these twenty-one are medical missionaries. Over one thousand Bible Readers and Native Workers are employed. In the Boarding Schools, Day Schools and Training Schools over eighteen thousand pupils are under the care of the Society.

Nineteen Hospitals and Dispensaries are supported, and the Medical Missionaries treat over eighty thousand patients annually.

Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

APPOIN'T.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869	Isabella Thoburn	Lucknow, India	Cincinnati	Delaware, O.
1872	Gertrude Howe	Kiu Kiang, China	Northwestern	Lansing, Mich.
1872	Lucy A. Hoag, M. D.	Chin Kiang, China	New York	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872	Louise E. Blackmar	Sironcha, India	Topeka	W. Springfield, Pa.
1878	S. A. Easton	Naini Tal, India	Cincinnati	Washington, D. C.
1878	Matilda A. Spencer	Home on Leave	Philadelphia	Germantown, Pa.
1879	Elizabeth Russell	Home on Leave	Cincinnati	Delaware, O.
1879	Jennie M. Gheer	Kagoshima, Japan	New York	Bellewood, Pa.
1880	Anna Budden	Pithoragarh, India	New York	Almorah, India.
1881	Minnie S. Hampton	Home on leave	New York	New York, N. Y.
1881	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten	Yokohama, Japan	Northwestern	Newponset, Ill.
1881	Emma L. Knowles	Darjeeling, India	New England	Newark, N. J.
1883	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell	Peking, China	New York	California.
1883	Rebecca J. Watson	Tokyo, Japan	Topeka	Nebraska.
1884	Lida B. Smith	Kagoshima, Japan	New York	Syracuse, N. Y.
1884	Fannie M. English	Bareilly, India	New York	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884	Mary Reed	Pithoragarh, India	Cincinnati	Becketts, O.
1884	Mary C. Robinson	Chin Kiang, China	Northwestern	Michigan.
1884	Carrie I. Jewell	Foochow, China	Cincinnati	Harmar, O.
1884	Eleanor LeHuray	Buenos Ayres, S. A	Philadelphia	Summit, N. J.
1884	Mary DeF. Loyd	Mexico City, Mexico	Philadelphia	Hillsboro, O.
1884	Lizzie Hewett	Montevideo, S. A	Northwestern	Gilead, Mich.
1885	Mrs. M. F. Scranton	Seoul, Korea	N. E. & N. Y	Cleveland, O.
1885	Anna D. Gloss, M. D	Peking, China	Northwestern	Chicago, Ill.
1885	Theresa J. Kyle	Pauri, India	Philadelphia	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885	Emma Hall	Rome, Italy	Northwestern	Cazenovia, N. Y.

APPOIN'T.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1885	Julia E. Wisner	Home on leave	Cincinnati	Berea, O.
1886	Ella Hewett	Hirosaki, Japan	Northwestern	Gilead, Mich.
1886	Anna Lawson	Meerut, India	Des Moines	Ottumwa, Ill.
1886	Delia A. Fuller	Lucknow, India	Topeka	Boulder, Col.
1886	Hattie L. Ayres	Mexico City, Mexico	Cincinnati	Hillsboro, O.
1887	Edna G. Terry, M. D.	Tsun Hua, China	New England	Boston, Mass.
1887	Ella C. Shaw	Nanking, China	Northwestern	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887	Mabel C. Hartford	Foochow, China	New England	Dover N. H.
1887	Sophia Blackmore	Home on leave	Minneapolis	Australia.
1887	May E. Carleton, M. D.	Foochow, China	New York	Port Chester, N. Y.
1887	Louise C. Rothweiler	Home on leave	Cincinnati	Newport, Ky.
1887	Annie Gallimore	Aligarh, India	Baltimore	Newport, N. Y.
1888	Belle J. Allen	Home on leave	Cincinnati	Bellefontaine, O.
1888	Annie L. Bing	Hakodate, Japan	Cincinnati	Delaware, O.
1888	Julia Bonafield	Foochow, China	Cincinnati	Tunnelton, W. Va.
1888	Kate A. Blair	Calcutta, India	Cincinnati	Painesville, O.
1888	Augusta Dickerson	Hakodate, Japan	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888	I. Ernsberger, M. D.	Gulbarga, Deccan, India	Cincinnati	Delphos, O.
1888	Mary Ketring, M. D.	Chung King, China	Northwestern	New York City.
1888	Elizabeth Maxey	Calcutta, India	New York	London, O.
1888	Emma Mitchell	Wuhu, China	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1888	Sarah Peters	Nanking, China	Northwestern	Princeville, Ill,
1888	Lucy W. Sullivan	Muttra, India	Cincinnati	Dayton, O.
1888	Martha A. Sheldon, M. D.	Pithoragarh, India	New England	Excelsior, Minn.
1889	Anna E. Steere	Peking, China	Northwestern	Adrian, Mich.

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1889	Louise Imhoff	Sendai, Japan	Topeka	Lincoln, Neb.
1889	Elsie Wood	Lima, Peru, S. A	New York	South America.
1889	Mary B. Griffiths	Home on Leave	Des Moines	Marathon, Ia.
1889	Frances E. Phelps	Nagoya, Japan	Des Moines	Sioux City,
1889	Frances O. Wilson	Tientsin, China	Des Moines	Corning, Ia.
1889	Elizabeth A. Bender	Nagoya, Japan	Baltimore	Maryland.
1889	Fanny Scott	Gondah, India	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, O.
1889	Rue Sellers	Naini Tal, India	Cincinnati	New Matamoras, O.
1889	Lydia A. Trimble	Foochow, China	Des Moines	Galva, Ia.
1889	Ellen Blackstock	Tokyo, Japan	Minneapolis	Shadeland, Ind.
1889	Georgiana Baucus	Tokyo, Japan	New York	Ithaca, N. Y.
1890	Rachel R. Benn, M. D	Tientsin, China	Philadelphia	Edinboro, Pa.
1890	Ida Stevenson, M. D	Tientsin, China	Topeka	Chicago.
1880	Ellen M. Lyon, M. D	Foochow, China	Northwestern	Spencer Creek, Mich.
1890	Leonora H. Seeds	Fukuoka, Japan	Cincinnati	Delaware, O.
1890	Fannie A. Perkins	Rangoon, Burma	Des Moines	Indianola, Ia.
1891	M. E. Vickery	Rome, Italy	Northwestern	Evansville, Ind.
1891	Mary F. Swaney	Rosario, S. A	Topeka	Manhattan, Kas.
1891	Anna R. Limberger	Puebla, Mexico	Baltimore	Danville, Pa.
1891	Kate L. Ogburn	Kiu Kiang, China	Des Moines	Union Mills, Ia.
1891	Laura M. White	Chin Kiang, China	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
1891	Ella A. Lewis	Seoul, Korea,	Philadelphia	New York City.
1891	Louisa Haefer	Jubbalpore, India	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
1891	Mary Bryan, M. D	Home on Leave	New York	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
1892	Grace Stephens	Madras, India	Baltimore	India.
1892	Effiie Dunmore	Puebla, Mexico	Philadelphia	Auburn Corners, Pa.
1892	Rebecca J. Hammond	Home on Leave	Cincinnati	Key's Mills, O.

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1892.....	Josephine O. Paine.....	Seoul, Korea.....	New England..	Boston, Mass.
1892.....	Effiie G. Young.....	Peking, China	New England.	Waltham, Mass.
1892.....	Luella M. Masters, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern...	Thornton, Ind.
1892.....	Elizabeth Hoge.....	Gonda, India	Cincinnati	Bellaire, O.
1892.....	Kate A. Blackburn.....	Loftcha, Bulgaria.....	Northwestern ..	Jacksonville, Ill.
1892.....	Catherine Wood.....	Hyderabad, India.....	Des Moines.....	Humeston, Ia.
1892.	Ada J. Lauck.....	Cawnpore, India	Des Moines....	Indianola, Ia.
1892.....	Frances Craig.....	Calcutta, India.....	Northwestern ..	Evanston, Ill.
1892.....	Josephine Stahl.....	Calcutta, India.....	Northwestern .	Diagonal, Ia.
1892.....	Christina Lawson.....	Bombay, India.....	New York	Green Island, N. Y.
1892.....	Ella J. Glover.....	Tsun Hua, China.....	New England...	Boston, Mass.
1892.....	Lydia A. Wilkinson.....	Foochow, China.....	Des Moines ...	Diagonal, Ia.
1892.....	Mary F. Cutler, M. D.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cin. & N. York.	Pomeroy, O.
1893.....	Mrs. Anna C. Davis.....	Nan King, China	Northwestern...	Oak Park, Ill.
1893.....	Lulu E. Frey.....	Seoul, Corea.....	Cincinnati.....	Bellefontaine, O.
1893.....	Carrie A. Heaton.....	Home on Leave.....	Northwestern...	Seymour, Ind.
1893.....	Lydia Diem	Loftcha, Bulgaria.....	Northwestern..	Berne, Switzerland.
1894.....	H. S. Alling.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Northwestern...	Chicago, Ill.
1894.....	Florence E. Singer	Home on Leave,.....	Philadelphia ...	Philadelphia, Pa.
1894.....	Minnie E. Wilson.....	Foochow, China.	Northwestern...	Shelbyville, Ind.
1894.....	Lillian R. Marks.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Pacific	San Francisco, Cal.
1894.....	Willma H. Rouse.....	Home on Leave.....	Minneapolis....	Lakeville, Minn.
1894.....	Anna Elicker.....	Jubbalpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	Muscatine, Ia.
1894.....	Fabel Allen.....	Foochow, China.....	Des Moines.....	.....
1894.....	Mary Peters.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern...	Princeville, Ill.
1894.....	Llorence Nichols	Lucknow, India.....	New England...	Boston, Mass.
1894.....	Mola May Kidwell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati	Delaware, O.

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1894.....	Alice M. Otto.....	Home on Leave.....	Des Moines.....	Delaware, O.
1894.....	Irene Lee.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	New England...	Burlington, Vt.
1894.....	Julia M. Donahue, M. D	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati	Fremont, O.
1894.....	Celesta Easton	Seetapore, India.....	Pacific	Riverside, Cal.
1894	Lily D. Green.....	Budoan, India.....	Northwestern...	Greencastle, Ind.
1894.....	Mary E. Wilson.....	Bareilly, India.....	Northwestern...	India.
1894.....	Helen Galloway	Chun King, China.....	Des Moines.....	Mt. Ayr, Ia.
1894.....	Fannie E. Meyer.....	Home on Leave.....	Des Moines.....	Elm Grove, Mo.
1894.....	Ruth A. Collins.....	Lucknow, India.....	Des Moines,....	Albion, Ia.
1895.....	Elizabeth S. Goodin.....	Home on Leave.....	Des Moines.....	Des Moines, Ia.
1895.....	Gertrude Taft, M. D.....	Chinkiang, China.....	Pacific.....	Los Angeles.
1895.. ...	Elizabeth V. Tryon.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	.....
1895.....	Clara J. Collier.....	Chun King China.	New England...	Laconia, N. H.
1895	Phœbe Wells.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1895.....	Alice Linam.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Leesburg, Ind
1895.....	Kate O. Curts.....	Naini, Tal, India	New York.....	New York City.
1895.....	Emma Hodge, M. D.....	Baroda, India.....	Philadelphia....	Greenville, Pa,
1895.....	Mrs. Mary A. Barrows, M. D..	Tientsin, China.....	New York	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1895.....	Laura S. Wright.....	Muttra, India.....	Northwestern...	Washington, Ind.
1895.....	Althea Todd.	Foochow, China	New England...	Boston, Mass,
1895.....	Alice A. Evans.....	Hyderabad, India.....	Des Moines....	Russell, Ia.
1895.....	Miranda Croucher.....	Tsun Hua, China.....	New England...	Boston, Mass.
1895.....	Hu King Eng, M. D.....	Foochow, China....	Philadelphia ...	Foochow, China.
1895.....	Eva M. Hardie.....	Lucknow, India	Cincinnati.....	New York City.
1896.....	Emma Scott, M. D.....	Muttra, India	Cincinnati.....	Columbus, O.
1896.....	Mary Means	Moradabad, India..	Cincinnati.....	Akron, O.
1896.....	Mary E. Shockley	Tientsin, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Columbus, O.

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1896	Katherine A. Spears	Baroda, India	Philadelphia	Reading, Pa.
1896	Gertrude Gilman	Peking China	New England	Springfield, Vt.
1896	Fannie S. Fisher	Kolar, India	Northwestern	Danville, Ill.
1896	Ida Khan, M. D.	Kiu Kiang, China	Northwestern	Kiu Kiang, China.
1896	Mary Stone, M. D.	Kiu Kiang, China	Des Moines	Kiu Kiang, China.
1896	Elizabeth M. Benthein	Poona, India	Northwestern	Millbrook, Ill.
1896	Caroline M. Purdy	Puebla, Mexico	Philadelphia	Sunbury, Pa.
1896	Anna Suderstrom	Calcutta, India	New York	New York City.
1896	Elizabeth Nichols	Bombay, India	New York	New York City.
1896	Carrie E. Merrill	Kiu Kiang, China	Northwestern	Flint, Mich.
1896	Charlotte J. Porter	Bombay, India	Northwestern	Wheaton, Ill.
1896	Clarissa E. Spencer	Tokyo, Japan	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.
1896	Belle Waidman	Montevideo, S. A	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1896	Frances G. Wilson	Tokyo, Japan	Cincinnati	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1897	May B. Lilly	Singapore Sts. Settlements	Minn. & Col. Riv	Arcola, Ill.
1897	Grace B. Todd	Home on Leave	Northwestern	
1897	Lillian Harris, M. D.	Seoul, Korea	Cincinnati	Delaware, O.
1897	Mariana Young	Nagasaki, Japan	Cincinnati	Marysville, O.
1897	Nellie Pierce	Seoul, Korea	Philadelphia	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1897	Mary E. Melton	Nagasaki, Japan	Northwestern	Jacksonville, Ill.
1897	Martha Lebeus	Sieng Tu, China	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, O.
1897	Ida M. Bowne	Rome, Italy	Northwestern	Herkimer, N. Y.
1897	Clara Martin	Penang Straits Settlements	Minneapolis	Hamline, Minn.
1897	Nettie M. Hyde	Jubbulpore, India	Des Moines	Iowa.
1897	Martelle Elliot	Poona, India	New York	Van Wert, O.
1897	N. M. Daniels	Tokyo, Japan	Des Moines	Tarr, Iowa.
1897	Melva A. Livermore	Meerut, India	Topeka	Smith Center, Kas.

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1897	Laura Bobenhouse	Cawnpore, India	Des Moines	Cambria, Iowa.
1897	Harriet Boss	Poona, India	Northwestern	Caro, Mich.
1897	Amy Gifford Lewis	Tokyo, Japan	Baltimore	Jamestown, N. Y.
1898	Alice Means	Moradabad, India	Cincinnati	Akron, Ohio.
1898	Marion Newton	Lucknow, India	Northwestern	Grand Lodge, Mich.
1898	Matilda Burman	Brindaban, India	Northwestern	Chicago, Ill.
1898	Isabella D. Longstreet	Chung King, China	Northwestern	Owosso, Mich.
1898	E. Marguerite Glenk	Kucheng, China	New York	Long Island City, N. Y.
1898	Elizabeth E. Varney	Hing Hua, China	Topeka	Pueblo, Cal.
1898	Edith A. Hemmingway	Singapore, Malaysia	New England	Springfield, Mass.
1898	Miriam Forster	Asansol, India	Northwestern	Toronto, Canada.
1898	Ida Grace Loper	Bareilly, India	New York	Marilla, N. Y.
1898	Margaret Carver	Naini Tal, India	Cincinnati	Delaware, O.
1898	Cora Zentmire	Malange, Angola, Africa	Northwestern	[illegible]ay, Ill.
1898	Estelle Files	Rangoon, Burma	New York	Brockport, N. Y.
1899	Helen Ingram	Bareilly, India	Minneapolis	Brighton, England.
1899	Emma Ernsberger, M. D.	Seoul Korea	Cincinnati	Cincinnati.
1899	Jennie Moyer	Calcutta, India	New York	Newark, N. Y.
1899	Clara M. Organ	Shahjahanpore, India	New England	Groveland, Mass.
1899	Mary Putnam Stearns	Lucknow, India	New England	Boston, Mass.
1899	Martha L. Nicolaisen	Sieng Iu, China	Minneapolis	Cincinnati, O.
1899	Caroline Driebelbeis	Kiu Kiang, China	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1899	Mary Eva Gregg	Muttra, India	Northwestern	Danville, Ia.
1899	Carrie J. Samson	Calcutta, India	Des Moines	Vannest, Ia.
1899	Mrs. Susan Tippet	Foochow, China	Des Moines	Stewart, Ia.
1899	Phebe A. Parkinson	Foochow, China	Columbia River	Spokane, Wash.
1899	Harriet E. Ewers	Bombay, India	Northwestern	Tuscola, Ill.
1899	Ella Manning	Chung King, China	Northwestern	Beloit, Wis.

ACCEPTED BUT NOT APPOINTED.

Delia E. Clinton	Hopkins, Mo	Des Moines	
Josephine Mekkelson	Alta, Iowa	Des Moines	
Henrietta Andrews	Marionville, Iowa	Des Moines	
Mary E. Williams		Philadelphia	
Mary B. McKinley		Northwestern	
Mary E. Rowley		Northwestern	
Elizabeth Ruddick,	Bucksport, Me	New England	
Bertha E. Kneeland			
Isabel McKnight	Gothenburg, Neb	Topeka	
Adeline F. Keller	McCutchinville, O	Cincinnati	
Eva Odgers	Chicago	Northwestern	
Emily Isabella Rogers	Colfax, Ill	Northwestern	
Emma Estelle Martin	Otterbein, Ind	Northwestern	
Elizabeth E. Martin	Otterbein, Ind	Northwestern	
Ella M. Holbrook	San Francisco, Cal	Pacific	
H. Miriam Decker	Dixon, Ill	Northwestern	

RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.

Sarah Woolston	Foochow, China		Mt. Holley, N. J.

RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS' SERVICE.

Clara A. Swain, M. D.	India		Castile, N. Y.

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ENTERED INTO REST.

APPOIN'T.	MISSIONARIES.		
1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.....	Peking, China.....	Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" L. H. Green, M. D. (Mrs. Cheney).	Bareilly, India.....	" Sept. 30, 1878.
1881.....	" Emma Michener.....	Africa.....	" Dec. 11, 1881.
1884.....	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang.....	" April 23, 1884.
1871.....	" Beulah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	" Oct. 24, 1886.
1880.....	" Cecelia Guelfi.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	" 1886.
1881.....	" Harriet Kerr.....	Bareilly, India.....	" Dec. 11, 1886.
1880.....	" Florence Nickerson.....	Lucknow, India.....	" Jan. 31, 1887.
1878.....	" Harriet Woolston, M. D.....	Moradabad, India.....	
1872	" Elizabeth M. Pultz.....	Moradabad, India.....	" Nov. 5, 1887.
1883.....	" Emma J. Everding.	Nagasaki, Japan.....	" Jan. 13, 1892.
1878.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Cawnpore, India.....	" April 22, 1892.
1888.....	" M. E. V. Pardoe.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	" Aug. 31, 1892.
1887.....	" Mary A. Vance (Mrs. Belknap)....	Tokyo, Japan.....	" Sept. 27, 1892.
1880.....	" Anna B. Sears.....	Peking, China.....	" Dec. 4, 1895.
1884.....	" Clara A. Downey.....	India.....	" Jan. 4, 1896.
1888.....	" Mary E. Carroll.....	Bombay, India.....	" June 12, 1897.
1884.....	" Linna M. Schenck.....	Bulgaria.....	" March 22, 1898.
1881.....	" Phebe Rowe.....	India.....	" April 13, 1898.
1889.....	" Maud E. Simons.....	Japan.....	" July 29, 1898.
1874.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Mexico.....	" Aug. 15, 1898.
1876.....	" Nettie Ogden.....	Mexico.....	1899.
1887.....	" Mary A. Hughes (Mrs. Ernsberger)	India.....	1899.

Missionaries.

SENT OUT FROM AMERICA OR EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1869.

m Indicates marriage *r* Retired, *d* Deceased.

Date of App'm't.		
1882	*m*	Akers, Estella, M. D.
1882		Atkinson, Anna P.
1888	*r*	Atkinson, Mary
1886		Ayres, Harriet L.
1887	*r*	Abrams, Minnie F.
1888		Allen, Belle J.
1894		Alling, H. S.
1894		Allen, Mabel
1871	*m*	Brown, Maria
1872		Blackmar, Lou E.
1879	*r*	Bushnell, Kate C., M. D.
1880		Budden, Annie
1882	*m*	Benton, Emma
1888		Bonafield, Julia A.
1887		Blackmore, Sophia
1888		Bing, Anna L.
1888		Blair, Kate A.
1888	*r*	Black, Lillian R.
1888	*m*	Bowen, Mary E.
1889		Bender, Elizabeth A.
1889		Blackstock, Ella
1889		Baucus, Georgiana
1890		Benn, Rachel R., M. D.
1890	*m*	Bengel, Margaret
1895		Barrows, Mrs. M. L., M. D.
		Basye, Edith
1897		Bowne, Ida May
1891		Bryan, Mary E., M. D.
1892		Blackburn, Kate A.
1894	*m*	Butcher, Annie
1896		Benthein, E. M.
1897		Boss, Harriet
1897		Bobenhouse, Laura
1898		Burman, Matilda
1876	*m*	Carey, Mary F.
1875	*d*	Campbell, L. A.
1874		Chapin, Jennie M.
1873	*m*	Coombs, L., M. D.
1878	*r*	Cushman, Clara
1880	*r*	Clemens, Mrs. E. J.
1884	*m*	Corey, Catherine, M. D.
1884	*r*	Christiancy, Mary F., M. D.
1887		Carleton, May E., M.D.
1886	*d*	Carroll, Mary E.
1892	*r*	Crosthwaite, Isabella
1892		Craig, Frances
1892		Cutler, Mary F., M. D.
1894	*m*	Christiansen, Christina
1894		Collins, Ruth A.

Date of App'm't.		
1895		Croucher, Miranda
1895		Curts, Kate O.
1895		Collier, Clara J.
1897		Carver, Margaret B.
1874	*r*	Denning, Lou B.
1882	*m*	Devine, Esther J.
1884	*d*	Downey, Clara A.
1884	*r*	De Line, Sarah M.
1888	*r*	Danforth, Mary A.
1888		Dickerson, Augusta
1888	*m*	Day, Martha E.
1890		Daily, Rebecca
1890	*r*	Dudley, Hannah
1891	*r*	De Motte, Mary
1892		Dunmore, Effie
1893		Diem, Lydia
1893		Davis, Anna L. (Mrs.)
1894		Donahue, Julia M., M.D.
1895	*m*	Dart, Jennie M., M. D.
1896	*m*	Deaver, Ida C.
1897		Daniels, N. M.
1899		Driebelbeis, Caroline
1878		Easton, S. A.
1885	*m*	Elliot, Mary J.
1883	*d*	Everding, Emma J.
1884		English, Fannie M.
1885	*m*	Elliot, Mary C.
1879	*m*	Elliot, Margaret
1888		Ernsberger, I., M. D.
1894		Elicker, Anna
1894		Easton, Celesta
1895		Evans, Alice A.
1897		Elliot, Martelle
1899		Ernsberger, Emma, M. D.
1899		Ewers, Harriet E.
1884	*m*	Fisher, Elizabeth
1886		Fuller, Delia A.
1887	*r*	Field, Nellie H.
1887	*r*	Fincham, Ella B.
1888		Files, Estella M.
1889	*m*	Forbes, Ella R.
1889		French, Anna S.
1891		Frey, Celia M.
1892	*m*	Ferris, Emma E.
1893		Frey, Lulu E.
1893		Foster, Eva M.
1896		Fisher, Fannie S.
1898		Forster, Miriam

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1875	*d*	Green, Lucillia H., M. D.
1878	*r*	Gibson, Eugenia
1879		Gheer, Jennie M.
1880	*m*	Goodenough, Julia E.
1880	*d*	Gilchrist, Ella, M. D.
1878	*d*	Guelfi, Cecelia
1886	*r*	Green, Nellie R.
1885		Gloss, Anna M., M. D.
1887		Gallimore, Anna
1889		Griffiths, Mary B.
1892		Glover, Ella J.
1894		Greene, Lily D.
1894		Galloway, Helen
1895		Goodin, E. S.
1896		Gilman, Gertrude
1898		Glenk, E. Marguerite.
1899		Gregg, Mary E.
1884	*r*	Harvey, Emily L.
1884	*m*	Hedrick, M. C.
1883	*r*	Hamisfar, F. N., M. D.
1872		Howe, Gertrude
1879	*r*	Howe, Delia A.
1872		Hoag, L. A., M. D.
1874	*d*	Hastings, Mary L.
1877	*m*	Howard, Leonora, M.D.
1878	*m*	Holbrook, Mary A.
1878	*d*	Higgins, Susan B.
1881		Hampton, Minnie S.
1881	*m*	Hoy, Ella J.
1883	*m*	Hugaboom, Marion
1883	*m*	Hyde, Laura, M. D.
1887	*m*	Hughes, Mary
1886		Hewett, Lizzie
1884		Hewett, Ella J.
1885		Hall, Emma M.
1887	*r*	Howard, Meta, M. D.
1887		Hartford, Mabel C.
1888	*m*	Hale, Lillian G.
1888	*m*	Hyde, Minnie J.
1891		Haefer, Louisa
1892		Hammond, Rebecca J.
1892		Hoge, Elizabeth
	r	Hartzell, Ada C.
1892	*m*	Harrington, Susan
1892	*m*	Hebinger, Josephine
1893	*m*	Harris, Mary W.
1893		Heaton, Carrie A.
1893	*m*	Harris, Nellie
1895		Hardie, Eva M.
1895		Hu King Eng, M. D.
1895		Hodge, Emma, M. D.
1897		Harris, Lillian, M. D.
1897		Hyde, Nettie M.
1898		Hemingway, E. A.
1889		Imhoff, Louisa
1899		Ingram, Helen
1899		Illingworth, Charlotte
1883		Jewell, Mrs. C. M.
1884		Jewell, Carrie I.
1888	*m*	Johnson, Ella
1894	*r*	Johnson, Anna
1881		Knowles, Emma L.
1881	*d*	Kerr, Hattie A.
1885		Kyle, Theresa J.

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1880	*r*	Kelly, Luella
1886	*m*	Kaufback, Anna L.
1888		Ketring, Mary
1891		Kemper, Harriet
1891	*m*	Kennedy, Mary E.
1892		Keeler, Anna C.
1894		Kidwell, Lola M.
	m	Kissick, S. E.
1896		Khan, Ida, M. D.
1874	*m*	Lore, Julia A., M. D.
1878	*d*	Layton, M. E.
1873	*m*	Leming, Sarah
1884		Le Huray, Eleanor
1884		Loyd, Mary DeF.
1884	*r*	Latimer, Laura
1892	*r*	Lauck, Ada J.
1886		Lawson, Anna E.
1890		Lyon, Ella, M. D.
1891		Lewis, Ella A.
1891		Limberger, Anna R.
1892		Lawson, Christine H.
1885		Lauck, Sarah
1894		Lee, Irene
1891	*r*	Locke, Jennie
1895		Linam, Alice
1897	*r*	Lamb, Emma L.
1897		Lebens, Martha
1897		Lilly, May B.
1897		Livermore, Melva A.
1897		Lewis, Amy G.
1898		Longstreet, I. D.
1898		Loper, I. Grace
1889		Livingstone, Kate
1873	*m*	Monelle, Nancy, M. D.
1874	*m*	Mason, Letitia, M. D.
1878	*r*	Mulliner, Clara
1871	*m*	McMillan, Carrie
1881	*d*	Michenor, Emma
1883	*m*	McKesson, Mary
1884	*m*	Mansell, Henrietta
1886	*r*	Miller, Oriel
1886	*r*	McDowell, Kate, M. D.
1888		Maxey, Elizabeth
1888	*m*	McBurnie, Susan
1888		Mitchell, Emma L.
1892		Masters, Luella, M. D.
1893	*m*	McGregor, Kate, M. D.
1894		Marks, Lillian E.
1894		Meyer, Fannie E.
1896		Merrill, C. E.
1896		Means, Mary
1897		Martin, Clara
1897		Melton, M. E.,
1898		Means, Alice
1899		Moyer, Jennie E.
1899		Manning, Ella
1880	*d*	Nickerson, Florence
1892	*r*	Neiger, Lillian
1894		Nichols, Florence
1896		Nichols, Elizabeth
1898		Newton, Marion
1899		Nicolaisen, Martha
1876	*d*	Ogden, Nettie C.
1891		Ogborn, Kate L.

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1894		Otto, Alice M.
1899		Organ, Clara M.
1871	*m*	Porter, Mary Q.
1872	*d*	Pultz, Elizabeth M.
1878	*r*	Priest, Mary
1886	*r*	Pray, Susan, M. D.
1888	*m*	Perrine, Florence
1888		Peters, Sarah
1888	*d*	Pardoe, Mary E. V.
1889		Phelps, Frances E.
1889	*r*	Parker, Theda A.
1890		Perkins, Fannie A.
1892		Paine, Josephine O.
1894		Peters, Mary
1896		Purdy, Caroline M.
1896		Porter, Charlotte J.
1897		Pierce, Nellie
1899		Parkinson, Phebe A.
1879		Russell, Elizabeth
1881	*d*	Rowe, Phœbe
1884		Reed, Mary
1884		Robinson, Mary C.
1886	*m*	Rulofson, G. M.
1887		Rothweiler, Louisa C.
1889	*m*	Rogers, Anna M.
1894		Rouse, Wilma H.
1895	*r*	Russell, Martha H.
1869	*r*	Swain, Clara A., M. D.
1870	*r*	Sparkes, Fannie J.
1874	*m*	Schoonmaker, Dora
1878		Spencer, Matilda A.
1878		Swaney, Mary F.
1878	*m*	Sparr, Julia A., M. D.
1879	*r*	Sharpe, Mary
1880	*m*	Spence, Mattie B.
1880	*d*	Sears, Annie B.
1884	*d*	Schenck, Linna M.
1885		Scranton, Mrs. M. F.
1885		Smith, Lida B.
1887		Shaw, Ella C.
1888		Sullivan, Lucy W.
1888		Sheldon, Martha A., M. D.
1898	*d*	Simons, Maude E.
1889		Steere, Anna E.
1889		Scott, Fannie A.
1889		Sellers, Ruth E.
1890		Stevenson, Ida B., M. D.
1890	*m*	Sites, Ruth M.
1890	*m*	Sherwood, R., M. D.
1890		Seeds, Leonora H.
1890		Stephens, Grace
1892		Stahl, Josephine
1892	*m*	Stanton, Alice M.
1894		Singer, Florence E.
1895	*m*	Sterling, Florence
1896		Spencer, Clarissa E.
1896		Suderstrom, Anna
1896		Stone, Mary, M. D.
1896		Scott, Emma, M. D.
1896		Shockley, Mary E.
1896		Spear, Katherine A.
1899		Stearns, Mary P.
1899		Samson, Carrie J.
1869		Thoburn, Isabella
1874	*m*	Trask, Sigourney, M. D.
1871	*m*	Tinsley, Jennie M.
1887		Terry, Edna G., M. D.
1889	*m*	Taylor, Martha E.
1889		Trimble, Lydia A.
1889	*m*	Thompson, Anna
1890	*m*	Tucker, Grace
	r	Thompson, E.
1895		Todd, Althea M.
1895		Tryon, Elizabeth V.
1895		Taft, Gertrude, M. D.
1897		Todd, Grace
1899		Tippets, Susan (Mrs.)
1881		VanPetten, Mrs. Carrie
1887	*d*	Vance, Mary A.
1889		Van Dorsten, Amelia
1891		Vickery, Ella M.
1898		Varney, Elizabeth W.
1871	*d*	Woolston, Beulah
1871	*r*	Woolston, Sarah H.
1874	*m*	Warner, Susan M.
1876	*m*	Whiting, Olive
1878	*d*	Woolston, Henrietta, M. D.
1880	*m*	Woodworth, Kate
1881	*m*	Warner, Ellen H.
1881	*m*	Wheeler, Frances J.
1883		Watson, Rebecca J.
1885		Wisner, Julia E.
1889		Wood, Elsie
1894		Wilson, May
1889		Wilson, Frances O.
1891	*m*	Walton, Ida B.
1891		White, Laura M.
1889	*m*	Wilson, Mary E.
1892		Wood, Catherine A.
1892		Wilkinson, Lydia A.
1894		Wilson, Mary
1895		Wright, Laura S.
1895		Wells, Phebe
1896	*m*	Widdifield, Flora M.
1896		Waidman, Belle
1896		Wilson, Fannie G.
1880	*r*	Yates, Elizabeth U.
1892		Young, Effie G.
1897		Young, Mariana
1898		Zentmire, Cora

Missionaries	335
Medical	45
Deceased	23
Married	71
Retired	42

Missionaries and Their Stations.

Ajmere, India.
Marks, Lillian
Tryon, E. V.

Asansol, India.
Forster, Miriam

Aligarh, India.
Gallimore, Anna.

Bareilly, India.
English, Fannie M.
Lawson, Christine.
Ingram, Helen
Wilson, May E.
Elliot, M.
Loper, I. Grace
Burnam, Matilda

Baroda, India.
Hodge, Emma, M. D.
Spear, Katharine A.

Bombay, India.
Porter, Charlotte J.
Lawson, Christine H.
Nichols, Elizabeth.
Bos-, Harriet

Brindaban, India.
Scott, Emma, M. D.

Budaon, India.
Green, Lily D.

Buenos Ayres, S. A.
Le Huray, Eleanora

Calcutta, India.
Craig, Frances
Moyer, Jennie
Maxey, Elizabeth
Suderstrom, Anna
Blair, Kate A.

Cawnpore, India.
Lauck, Ada J.
Marks, Lillian E.
Bobenhouse, L.

Callao, Peru.
Wood, Elsie

Chinkiang, China.
Hoag, A. Lucy, M. D.
Robinson, Mary C.
Taft, Gertrude, M. D.
White, Laura M.

Chung-King, China.
Galloway, Helen
Collier, Clara J.
Manning, Ella

Darjeeling, India.
Knowles, Emma L.
Stahl, Josephine

Foochow, China.
Allen, Mabel
Bonafield, Julia A.
Carleton, M. E., M. D.
Lyon, Ella, M. D.
Peters, Mary
Rouse, Wilma H.
Trimble, Lydia A.
Wilkinson, Lydia A.
Linam, Alice
Hu King Eng, M. D.
Hartford, Mabel C.
Jewell, Carrie I.
Parkinson, Phœbe
Wells, Phebe
Longstreet, I.
Glenk, E. M.
Tippets, Susan, Mrs.

Fukuoka, Japan.
Seeds, L. H.

Guanajuato, Mexico.
Dunmore, Effie

Gonda, India.
Hoge, Elizabeth
Scott, Fannie

Gulbarga, India.
Ernsberger, I., M. D.

Hakodate, Japan.
Dickerson, Augusta
Bing, Anna V.

Hyderabad, India.
Wood, Catherine
Evans, Alice A.

Hirosaki, Japan.
Hewett, Ella S.

Hinghwa, China.
Wilson, Minnie E.
Lebens, Martha
Todd, Althea M.
Varney, Elizabeth

Jubbulpore, India.
Hyde, Nettie M.

Kiukiang, China.
Howe, Gertrude
Ogborn, Kate L.
Stone, Mary, M. D.
Khan, Ida, M. D.
Merrill, Clara E.

Kundwa, India.
Haefer, Louise

Kolar, India.
Fisher, Fannie S.

Kagoshima.
Gheer, Jennie M.
Smith, Lida B.

Loftcha, Bulgaria.
Blackburn, Kate B.
Diem, Lydia.

Lucknow, India.
Thoburn, Isabella
Nichols, Florence L.
Collins, Ruth A.
Fuller, Delia A.
Newton, M.
Hardie, Eva M.
Stearns, Mary P.

Madras, India.
Stephens, Grace

Malange, Angola, Africa.
Zentmire, Cora

Moradabad, India.
Means, Mary
Means, Alice.

Montevideo, S. A.
Hewitt, Elizabeth
Waidman, Belle

Muttra, India.
Lawson, Anna
Wright, Laura S.
Sullivan, Lucy
Burman, M.
Gregg, M. E.

Meerut, India.
Lawson, Anna E.
Marks, Lillian
Livermore, M. A.

Mexico City.
Loyd, Mary De F.
Ayres, H. L.

Naina Tal, India.

Easton, S. A.
Sellers, Rue E.
Curts, Grace
Carver, M.

Nanking, China.

Peters, Sarah
Shaw, Ella C.
Davis, Mrs. Anna C.

Nagasaki, Japan.

Kidwell, Lola M.
Lee, Irene
Melton, Mary E.
Young, Marianna

Nagoya, Japan.

Phelps, Frances E.
Bender, E. R.

Peking, China.

Gloss, Anna, M. D.
Jewell, Mrs. Charlotte M.
Steere, Anna E.
Young, Effie G.
Gilman, Gertrude.
Frey, C. M.
Glover, E. E.

Puebla, Mexico.

Limberger, Anna R.
Purdy, Carrie M.

Paori, India.

Kyle, Theresa J.

Pachuca, Mexico.

VanDorsten, A.

Pyeng Yang, Korea.

Hall, Rosetta Sherwood, M. D.

Pithoragarh, India.

Budden, Annie
Sheldon, Martha, M. D.
Reed, Mary

Penang, Straits Settlement.

Martin, Clara

Poona, India.

Benthein, E. M.
Fisher, Fannie S.
Elliot, Martelle

Rome, Italy.

Vickery, M. E.
Bowne, Ida May
Hall, Emma M.

Rangoon, Burmah.

Keeler, Anna C.
Perkins, Fannie A.
Wisner, Julia E.
Illingworth, Charlotte
Files, Estelle

Rosario, S. A.

Swaney, Mary F.

Seoul, Korea.

Scranton, M. F., Mrs.
Cutler, Mary M., M. D.
Frey, Lulu E.
Lewis, Ella A.
Paine, Josephine O.
Pierce, Nellie
Harris, Lillian, M. D.
Ernsberger, E., M. D.

Singapore, Straits Settlement.

Blackmore, Sophia
Lilly, May B.
Hemingway, E. A.

Seetapore, India.

Easton, Celesta

Shahjahanpore.

Organ, Clara M.

Sironcha, India.

Blackmar, L.
Wood, C.

Tientsin (Tsunhwa), China.

Benn, Rachel R., M. D.
Stevenson, Ida M., M. D.
Terry, Edna G., M. D.
Croucher, Miranda
Barrows, Mrs. M. L., M. D.
Wilson, Frances O.
Shockley, Mary E.

Tokyo, Japan.

Imhof, Louisa
Blackstock, Ella
Spencer, C. E
Wilson, Fannie G.
Watson, Rebecca J.
Alling, H. S.
Daniels, N. M.

Wu Hu.

Mitchell, Emma

Yokohama, Japan.

Van Petten, Mrs. C. V.
Lewis, A. G.
Baucus, G.

Constitution

OF

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Article I.—name.

This association shall be called "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Article II.—purpose.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending missionaries to the women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible-readers in those fields.

Article III.—membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute Membership, and twenty dollars Life-Membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become a Manager for Life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor a Patron for Life.

Article IV.—organization.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

Article V.—general executive committee.

Section 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of a President and Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, and Secretary of German Work, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch annual meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet in Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually, or oftener, thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SECTION 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be:

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society as presented in the report of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and method therein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new missionaries, designating their field of labor, examining the reports of those already employed and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

3. There shall be a Constitutional Publication Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, to take charge of the missionary periodicals of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society. This committee shall report annually to the General Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SEC. 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church:

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States	Boston
II.	New York and New Jersey	New York
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware	Philadelphia
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia	Baltimore
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee	Cincinnati
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin	Chicago
VII.	Iowa, Missouri and Arkansas	Des Moines
VIII.	Minnesota, North and South Dakota	Minneapolis
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and Texas	Topeka
X.	California, Nevada and Arizona	Los Angeles
XI.	Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana	Portland
XII.	North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana	Atlanta

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make distribution of the funds upon orders duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, provide for all the needs, and receive reports of the missionaries, Bible-women and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute annually may form a society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary

Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, one or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATING TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conference or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conference or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any other member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our regular church services, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amount so collected shall be reported by the pastor to the annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the annual and general minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this paragraph (¶362) shall not be interpreted as to prevent the women from taking collections in meetings convened in the interests of their societies; nor from securing member-

ships and life memberships in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals, or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

Article IX.—change of constitution.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII. shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

By-Laws of the General Executive Committee.

I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held at such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meetings of said Committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least three days before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said Committee.

V. The travelling expenses of President and Recording Secretary shall be paid by General Treasurer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the roll.
2. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
3. Reception of Memorials and Petitions.
4. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Report of Committee of Reference.
6. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.
7. Reports of Editors and Publishers.
8. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Election of President and Secretary, who shall continue in office until the appointment of their successors.

11. Notice of constitutional amendments.

12. Miscellaneous business.

13. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows:

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.

2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.

3. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

By-Laws

OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society.

2. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of all proceedings of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and place the same in the safe of the Publication Office.

She shall present at the anniversary of the Society a report of the year's work. She shall also forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment of the General Executive Committee, a copy of the appropriations for each mission.

II.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

3. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries; be present at all Branch annual, and quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Friend*

and the receipts of the Treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of missionaries, Bible-readers, boarding-schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

III.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish quarterly in the *Woman's Missionary Friend* their report of moneys received.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1st. Branch Treasurers will close their accounts for the year by September 30.

3. The money received from annual memberships shall not be used to make Life Members, Managers or Patrons. Life membership shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all the installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Woman's Missionary Friend.*

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

IV.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our Foreign Treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved and printed, if possible, to each Corresponding Secretary before October 1.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign field are instructed to forward receipts for remittances and a statement of balance in hand, quarterly to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers and a full financial statement annually to the Official Correspondent of the specific mission field in time to insure its arriving before October 1st of each year.

3. The appropriations for the foreign fields shall be paid on the basis of the currency of the country, the exchange therefrom accruing to our treasury, with the exception of the salaries of the missionaries and buildings, which shall be paid on the basis of American gold.

4. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that Committee. Our

missionaries shall not exceed in expenditure the amount appropriated by the General Executive Committee. Emergencies arising during the year can be met only by application, properly endorsed by the missionary authorities to the Committee of Reference.

5. If any surplus funds remain in the Foreign Treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

V.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

VI.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The Chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, the Recording Secretary shall declare the result, and record both resolutions and votes.

5. The Committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

VII.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII., Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the Superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or Conference of their mission, and they may confer with other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the Superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through the Recording Secretary of the Reference Committee.

4. They, with the wives of missionaries who labor in the interests of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the Conference or annual meeting of the missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said Conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to, and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid or support of their work.

8. A medical missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, and report them quarterly to the Treasurer of the Mission; any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she returns at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference, through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its missionaries shall be published in the general annual report.

12. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch by which any missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I, ——— ———, Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the traveling expenses of ——— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and in case her relations to the Society are harmonious, her salary for the first year, at the rate of three hundred and fifty dollars, or if it be inexpedient for her to return, at the rate of three hundred dollars.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the Superintendent of the mission.

13. We agree to pay our missionaries $200 for personal outfit, and $100 for the furnishing of the home, when necessary, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. We recommend, when practicable, that such an arrangement be made for the duties of our missionaries during the first year's service as shall allow them considerable time for the study of the language, and that their salary for that year shall be four hundred dollars, with one hundred and fifty for incidentals. Medical missionaries shall from the first receive full salary.

15. Each returned missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her, unless otherwise provided for. Missionaries returning home will please notice that the charges on freight and duties are very large, and are requested to make these as light as possible, leaving heavy and unnecessary things in the country where they have been working.

16. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church, and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows:

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission field in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules:

1. In general: The position of a lady missionary, placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations, is the same as that of a second missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular: The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by the Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be more successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special departments of work, after free consultation with the Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangement of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the charge of a member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady missionaries in charge of work, and all missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings or expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriations of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder,

with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Woman's Society, when such exists, or by quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as woman missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a woman missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

OFFICIAL RELATIONS OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

1. Definition of relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as given by the Bishops, in May, 1881.

"To the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society;

"To your questions we respectfully reply as follows:

"1st. We take the liberty to refer you to our action bearing date November 22, 1877, a copy of which is as follows:

"'TEACHERS IN MISSION SCHOOLS.'

"1. In the judgment of the Bishops it is not within the right of the Superintendent of a mission to remove lay teachers from the schools to which they have been appointed, nor to interefere authoritatively with the internal arrangements of the schools, unless such right be expressly granted by the missionary authorities at New York.

"2. In case of difference between appointee and the Mission (including the Superintendent), which cannot be adjusted between the parties without unreasonable delay, we recommend that such difference, with the papers and facts, be referred by the parties to the Bishop in charge for final decision.

"3. It is our judgment that the missionaries sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society should be permitted to be present at the meetings of the mission and to speak on all matters relating to their work. Most respectfully and sincerely,

WILLIAM L. HARRIS."

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the

Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her; and when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the woman by two or more of the committee before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive meeting. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch presenting missionary candidates, shall have a personal interview with each woman presented, before her final appointment to a foreign field.

2. A missionary candidate must believe herself Divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill-health; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

5. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

6. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

7. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

8. Every missionary candidate is requested to sign the following contract:

"I, ————————, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money."

9. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee,

and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

10. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

11. The application of a missionary candidate with corresponding testimonials shall cover the following particulars: Health, adaptability to people and circumstances, executive ability, intellectual qualities and culture, religious experience and usefulness, and general fitness for the work.

First. Health, attested by a properly certified health certificate.

Second. Personal religious experience. Belief in the doctrines and identification with the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, experience and efficiency in Christian work.

Conviction and call to missionary work, and the intention to give to it the service of her life.

Third. Testimonials are further necessary as to grade of scholarship, whether it includes the study of Latin or any modern language, with facility in its acquirement; knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental. Diploma of scholarship.

Certificate of experience and success in teaching.

Fourth. Testimonials are also required as to executive ability, adaptability to people and circumstances, and whatever personal qualities are necessary for greatest efficiency in Christian work.

VIII.—PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The periodicals of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Woman's Missionary Friend, Children's Missionary Friend, Der Frauen-Mission-Freund*, and *The Study*.

2. The editors and publisher shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of these papers shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

4. The proceedings of the General Executive Committee shall be reported in the December number of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, excluding appropriations and unimportant details.

5. The minutes of the General Executive Committee shall be incorporated in the Annual Report.

IX.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries

2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. The publisher of these papers shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the papers, properly audited, by the first of October. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.

4. A committee of three shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be entrusted the investment and control of the funds of these publications.

5. The publisher shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

6. If the office of editor or publisher becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

7. The traveling expenses of the editors of *Woman's Missionary Friend*, *Children's Missionary Friend*, *Frauen-Mission-Freund*, and publisher of these papers, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of these publications.

8. There shall be a Literature Committee, whose work shall be to edit the annual report, to provide leaflets, uniform readings, lesson leaves, and other helps for monthly and public meetings, and to superintend all publications of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. In no case shall the amount used in publishing interests, or for any other demands, infringe upon a capital of $5,000, to be retained in the treasury of the Society's publications.

10. This committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

X.—ZENANA PAPER.

1. The Constitutional Publication Committee shall take charge of the funds raised for the endowment of the Zenana Paper, and control of their investment and expenditure, and have the general supervision of the interests of the paper.

2. The Corresponding Secretary of each Branch shall have the control of the investment of the funds raised for the support of the Zenana Paper within the bounds of her Branch, with the approval of

the Constitutional Publication Committee; the interest on investments to be paid semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper.

3. The Woman's Conference in India shall nominate a committee consisting of five persons, three ladies and two gentlemen, one of whom shall be the publisher, to supervise the interests of the paper and arrange with the Press Committee for editing and publishing the Zenana Paper in the various languages and dialects required; these nominations to be subject to the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee in America.

4. The Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India shall send an Annual Report of the Zenana Paper to the Chairman of the Constitutional Publication Committee, with the amount of circulation and items of interest, in time to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee in America.

5. The Treasurer in India of the funds of the Zenana Paper shall furnish the Constitutional Publication Committee an Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of said paper in time to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in America.

6. A report of the Zenana Paper shall be published in the Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

7. The Treasurer of the Zenana Paper funds in America shall send the interest on the investments direct to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper in India, only upon order of the Chairman of the Constitutional Committee.

Questions to Missionary Applicants.

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary ?

2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field ?

3. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord ?

4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past ?

5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in Section 2 of the Discipline ?

6. Have you a thorough English education ?

7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language ; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same ?

8. In what schools have you taught and with what success ?

9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental ?

10. What is the condition of your health ?

11. Have you ever been married ; if so, is your husband living ?

12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions ?

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, }

We, the undersigned, Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Sarah K. Cornell and Harriet B. Skidmore, of the City of New York, and Susan A. Sayre, of the City of Brooklyn, being all citizens of the United States of America, and citizens of the State of New York, do hereby, pursuant to, and in conformity with the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed on April 12th, 1848, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable and missionary societies;" and the several Acts of the said Legislature amendatory thereof, associate ourselves together and form a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which we certify is the name or title by which said Society shall be known in law. And we do hereby further certify that the particular business and object of said Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

That the number of managers to manage the business and affairs of said Society shall be seventeen, and that the names of such managers of said Society, for the first year of its existence, are: Lucy A. Alderman, Sarah L. Keen, Ellen T. Cowen, Sarah E. Crandon, Mary C. Nind, Elizabeth K. Stanley, Harriet M. Shattuck, Eliza B. Stevens, Caroline R. Wright, Harriet B. Skidmore, Josephine D. Easter, Annie R. Gracey, Mary L. Dennler, Sarah K. Cornell, Annie A. Harris, Ordelia M. Hillman, and Sarah A. Sayre.

That the place of business or principal office of said Society shall be in the City and County of New York, in the State of New York.

Witness our hand and seals this 20th day of December, A. D., 1884.

CAROLINE R. WRIGHT, [SEAL]
ANNA A. HARRIS, "
HARRIET B. SKIDMORE, "
SUSAN A. SAYRE, "
SARAH K. CORNELL, "

STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, }

On the 20th day of December, 1884, before me personally came and appeared Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Harriet B. Skidmore and Sarah K. Cornell, to me known, and to me personally known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

ANDREW LEMON,
[NOTARY'S SEAL.] *Notary Public*, (58)
New York County.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF KINGS, } ss.
CITY OF BROOKLYN, }

On the 22nd day of December, A. D., 1884, before me came Susan A. Sayre, to me known, and known to me to be one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

F. G. MINTRAM,
[NOTARY'S SEAL.] *Notary Public for King's County.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.
COUNTY OF KINGS, }

I, Rodney Thursby, Clerk of the County of Kings and Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for said county (said court being a Court of Records) DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that F. G. Mintram, whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of Proof, or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and thereon written, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public of the State of New York, in and for the said County of Kings, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And, further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to the said Certificate is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of New York.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County and Court, this 24th day of December, 1884.

[SEAL] RODNEY THURSBY, *Clerk.*

[Endorsed.]

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Certificate of Incorporation, December 27, 1884.

I, the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, for the first Judicial District, do hereby approve the within certificate, and do consent that the same be filed pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies," passed April 12th, 1848, and the several Acts extending and amending said Act. Dated New York, Dec. 26, 1884.

ABM. R. LAWRENCE, *J. S. C.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, }

I, James A. Flack, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, do certify that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original. Endorsed, filed and recorded, Dec. 27th, 1884, 1 hour, 25 minutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official seal, this 12th day of November, 1888.

[SEAL] JAMES A. FLACK, *Clerk.*

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1896–7.

HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,
SUSAN A. SAYRE,
ELLA J. KNOWLES,
ORDELIA M. HILLMAN,
HELEN V. EMANS.
SARAH K. CORNELL,
ETTIE F. BALDWIN,
ANNIE R. GRACEY,
JULIA L. MCGREW,
MARY H. BIDWELL,
ANNA A. HARRIS.

FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following form of bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York .... Dollars to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," (describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society) and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors, through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

The following resolution was adopted at the General Executive Committee at Springfield, Mass., and ordered published in the Annual Report:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, be authorized to accept and receive all gifts and legacies to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or to any Branch thereof, and to give all suitable receipts, releases and acquittances therefor, under the corporate seal, or otherwise; and also, by the direction of a majority of the members of the Reference Committee given either at a meeting of said Committee, or separately by the individuals comprising the same, to execute under the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver conveyances or releases of any land or property owned, held or claimed by the said Society or any other instrument necessary or useful for the promotion of the purposes of said Society.

LUCY A. ALDERMAN,
HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,
SARAH L. KEEN,
ELIZA P. STEVENS,
ELLEN T. COWEN,
SARAH E. CRANDON,
MARY S. HUSTON,
CHARLOTTE S. WINCHELL,
MATILDA WATSON,
ELIZABETH M. CROW.

LIST OF REAL ESTATE

Belonging to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. Church.

NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Almorah, Sanitarium	$ 4,000 00
Budoan,	5,650 00
Bareilly Hospital, Orphanage, Home, etc	25,000 00
Bhot	1,000 00
Bijnour,	3,000 00
Hardui	300 00
Gonda,	2,500 00
Lucknow, College, Home, etc.	56,600 00
Moradabad,	9,500 00
Naini Tal, Boarding School, etc.	26,600 00
Pauri,	8,250 00
Pithoragarh, Angeline Newman Home	4,000 00
Seetapore,	3,400 00
Shahjahanpore Bidwell memorial	6,150 00
Total	$155,950 00

NORTHWEST INDIA.

Agra	2,600 00
Aligarh	12,700 00
Ajmere	4,450 00
Allahabad	6,650 00
Brindaban, Calvin Home	4,000 00
Cawnpore,	32,000 00
Meerut	10,000 00
Muttra	13,300 00
Total	$85,710 00

SOUTH INDIA.

Hyderabad,	10,000 00
Jubbulpore	5,500 00
Kolar, William Gamble, Deaconess Home	5,000 00
Madras, Harriet Bond Skidmore Memorial School and Home	20,000 00
Sironcha, Mary J. Clark Memorial	4,500 00
Total	$45,000 00

BOMBAY CONFERENCE.

Bombay Boarding School and Home	$25,000 00
Baroda Orphanage	2,000 00
Khandwa	500 00
Total	$27,500 00

BENGAL-BURMA CONFERENCE.

Asansol	$1,660 00
Mozaffurpore	500 00
Rangoon School and Home	15,000 00
Thandaug	5,000 00
Total	$22,160 00

MALAYSIA.

Singapore	$ 8,000 00
Total, India and Malaysia	$344,320 00

NORTH CHINA,

Peking, Home and School	$14,000 00
" Hospital	5,000 00
Tientsin, Hospital	14,000 00
" Home and School	5,000 00
Tsun Hua, Hospital	3,000 00
" Home and School	5,000 00
Total	$46,000 00

CENTRAL CHINA.

Chinkiang, Home and Hospital	$10,000 00
Nanking, Home and School	5,500 00
Kiu Kiang	8,500 00
Elizabeth S. Danforth Hospital	4,000 00
Total	$28,000 00

FOOCHOW.

Girl's Boarding School and Residence	$14,000 00
Woman's School and Residence	4,500 00
Two Hospitals and Residence	11,100 00
Mary E. Crook Memorial Orpanage	3,100 00
Hok Chiang Girls' School	4,500 00
Kucheng Girls' School	3,950 00
Kucheng Woman's Training School etc	2,250 00
Kucheng Woman's and Girls' School Compound	722 00
Total	$44,122 00

HING HUA CONFERENCE.

Hing Hua School and Home	$3,000 00
Sieng Iu School and Home	2,000 00
Total	$5,000 00

WEST CHINA.

Chung King Home	$ 4,000 00
Chung King School Building	2,000 00
Chung King, William A. Gamble Hospital	5,000 00
Total	$11,000 00
Total for China	$134,122 00

KOREA.

Seoul Home and School	$10,000 00
" Hospital	2,000 00
Baldwin Chapel	500 00
East Gate	2,000 00
Peng Yang	500 00
Total for Korea	$15,000 00

NORTH AND CENTRAL JAPAN.

Hakodate, School Building and Home	$13,500 00
Tokyo, Aoyama	20,000 00
" Tsukiji	4,000 00
Industrial School	3,000 00
Asakusa	300 00
Sendai	3,000 00
Yokohama	10,000 00
Yamabucha	1,000 00
Nagoya	2,600 00
Total	$57,400 00

SOUTHERN JAPAN.

Nagasaki Home and School	$27,000 00
Fukuoka Home and School	10,300 00
Koga Orphanage	2,500 00
Total	$39,800 00
Total for Japan	97,200 00

MEXICO.

Mexico City, School, etc	$35,000 00
Pachuca	30,000 00
Puebla	26,000 00
Guanajuato	$ 3,000 00
Total	$94,000 00

SOUTH AMERICA.

Montevideo, School and Home	$21,000 00
Rosario " " "	10,000 00
Total for South America	$31,000 00

BULGARIA.

Loftcha, Home and School	$ 6,500 00

ITALY.

Rome, Orphanage and School	$15,000 00

SUMMARY.

India and Malaysia	$344,320 00
China	134,122 00
Korea	15,000 00
Japan	97,200 00
Mexico	94,000 00
South America	31,000 00
Bulgaria	6,500 00
Italy	15,000 00
Total	$737,142 00

MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP IN THE W. F. M. S.

The payment of one dollar a year, or two cents a week, constitutes membership.

The payment of twenty dollars constitutes a person a life member.

The payment of one hundred dollars constitutes a life manager.

The payment of three hundred dollars constitutes a life patron.

The payment of ten dollars constitutes a child under fifteen years a life member.

Twenty-five dollars supports an orphan in India.

Forty dollars supports an orphan in Japan.

Seventy dollars supports an orphan in Mexico.

Sixty dollars supports a Bible reader in India.

Rules and Pronunciation.

PRONUNCIATION OF INDIAN NAMES FURNISHED BY MISS THOBURN.

I find it difficult to give the pronunciation of Indian names in English, as requested, because some of the sounds cannot well be indicated by the spelling. A few rules may be helpful, not only in pronouncing the names already given, but those that may occur in letters and reports hereafter.

A has two sounds, a short like u in tub, and a long, as in far.
E has the continental sound, like the long e in there.
I is short as in sit, and long when accented, as i in machine.
O is always long as in no.
U short as in full, ù long as in rule.
Ai as i in mice.
Au as ou in our.

The syllable containing the long vowels is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quality.

There is some difficulty in applying these rules, because the long vowel is not often printed with the accent in our reports, and so cannot be distinguished from the short, and because some names are spelled in English and some in Roman-Urdu.

The stations mentioned in our Indian Mission report are pronounced, as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows:

Kamá on	Kamáwan	Badá on	Badown
Naini Tal	Nynee Tál	Bilsi	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakraulí	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotà	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwall	Bissoulí	Bissoulee
Srìnagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswàn	Sicewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujainí	Ujiney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gugje
Bijnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in Our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousí	Chundowseé	Kànpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Umroha	Rái Barelí	Roy Barailly
Sambbal	Sumbhul	Bàrabankí	Bara-Bunkee
Barelí	Barailly	Sìtàpùr	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardú'í	Hur-doo-dee
Aunla	Ounla	Gonda'	Goanda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj.	Nowáb-gunje
Khera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Sháhjahànpúr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED BY MRS. DR. BALDWIN.

a has the sound of a in far.
á " " " " a in fat.
e " " " " a in play.
è " " " " e in met.
i " " " " i in machine.
í " " " " i in pin.
o " " " " o in bone.
ó has the sound of aw.
u " " " oo in fool.
ë has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.
ü has the sound of the French u in l'une.
au has the sound of ow in cow.
ai " " " " i in kind.

Hok-Chiang	Hoke-Cheang	Sia Sek-ong	Sea-ah Sake ong
Kucheng	Koo-cheng	Lí Chá Mi	Lee Chá Me
Tiong-lók	Teong-lock	Kiu-Kiang	Kew Keang
Hü Pá Mi	Hü Paw Me	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye
Lí Yu Mi	Lee You Me		

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of place.

JAPAN.

Nagasaki	Nang-a-sá'kee	Kiushiu	Qú-shoo
Tsukiji*	Skee-gee	Liu Kiu	Loo-choo
Tsurunga	Suro-ong'-gä	Yezo	Yes'so
Shikoku	She-ko-ku	Dai	Dye

Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke. Name of Nagasaki School.
*"Ts" has German "Z" sound. Fu-Ku-o-ka.

PRONUNCIATION OF SPANISH NAMES FURNISHED BY MRS. REV. D. KEMBLE.

Puebla	Pwablä	Rosario	Rō-sar-io
Leon	Layon	Montevideo	Monta-vid-a-o
Miraflores	Mee-rahflór-es	Buenos Ayres	Bwa-nos-ayres
Queretaro	Ker é tar-o	Orizaba	Ori-za-va
Real	Rá-äl	Pachuca	Pa-choo-ka
Del Monte	Del Món-ta	Silao	Se la o
Ayapango	Ay a pán go	San Juan	San-hwan
Guanajuato	G wan-a-hwáto		

Seoul, the capital of Korea, is pronounced as if it were spelled Say-ole.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

Thirtieth Session: General Executive Committee.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1899.

The Thirtieth Session of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the Epworth Memorial Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday morning, October 26, at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. C. D. Foss, president of the society, opened the session by announcing the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun." After the singing of this hymn, Mrs. Foss read the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, and called on Mrs. E. B. Stevens, corresponding secretary of the Baltimore Branch, to lead in prayer. The devotional exercises concluded with the singing of the hymn, "Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning." The delegations were then seated at their various tables. Permission was asked by the New England, Philadelphia, Des Moines and Baltimore Branches for the missionaries and visitors from their respective Branches to be seated at their tables, and the request was granted.

The roll of delegates was called by the secretary, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, and all responded to their names, with the exception of Mrs. Pope of the Columbia River Branch.

New England Branch: Mrs. L. A. Alderman, Miss C. A. Richardson, Mrs. H. C. McDuffee.

New York Branch: Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Mrs. W. Anderson, Mrs. S. J. Herben.

Philadelphia Branch: Mrs. S. L. Keen, Mrs. G. K. Powell, Mrs. Amos Wakelin.

Baltimore Branch: Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Mrs. L. H. Tilton, Mrs. A. H. Eaton.

Cincinnati Branch: Mrs. E. T. Cowen, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mrs. M. B. Meade.

Northwestern Branch: Mrs. F. P. Crandon, Mrs. L. R. Hartman, Mrs. J. B. Roe.

Des Moines Branch: Mrs. M. S. Huston, Mrs. J. H. Poland, Mrs. F. D. Archibald.

Minneapolis Branch: Mrs. C. S. Winchell, Mrs. I. W. Joyce, Mrs. C. W. Hall.

Topeka Branch: Miss M. Watson, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Mrs. E. L. Madison.

Pacific Branch: Mrs. C. O'Neal, Mrs. D. C. Cook, Mrs. C. B. Kummer.

Columbia River Branch: Mrs. A. N. Fisher, Mrs. T. S. Lippy, Mrs. H. Pope (not present).

The various committees were announced as follows:

On Publication: Miss C. A. Richardson, Mrs. S. J. Herben, Mrs. G. K. Powell, Mrs. A. H. Eaton, Mrs. M. Stevens, Mrs. J. B. Roe, Mrs. F. D. Archibald, Mrs. I. W. Joyce, Mrs. E. L. Madison, Mrs. D. C. Cook, Mrs. T. S. Lippy.

Missionary Candidate Committee: Mrs. H. C. McDuffee, Mrs. W. Anderson, Mrs. A. Wakelin, Mrs. L. H. Tilton, Mrs. A. B. Meade, Mrs. L. R. Hartman, Mrs. J. H. Poland, Mrs. C. W. Hall, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Mrs. C. B. Kummer, Mrs. H. Pope.

Finance Committee: Mrs. L. A. Alderman, Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Mrs. S. L. Keen, Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Mrs. E. T. Cowen, Mrs. F. P. Crandon, Mrs. M. S. Huston, Mrs. C. S. Winchell, Miss M. Watson, Mrs. C. O'Neal, Mrs. A. N. Fisher.

Committee on By-Laws.—Committee of the Whole:

"Home Work" was taken up, when Miss Watson moved that in giving the Home Reports the Home Statistics and Treasurers' Reports be included. The motion prevailed. Reports were then presented by the corresponding secretaries of the Branches, that of New England by Mrs. Alderman, New York by Mrs. Skidmore, Philadelphia by Mrs. Keen, Baltimore by Mrs. Stevens, Cincinnati by Mrs. Cowen, Northwestern by Mrs. Crandon, Des Moines by Mrs. Huston. Minneapolis by Mrs. Winchell, Topeka by Miss Watson, Pacific by Mrs. O'Neal, and Columbia River by Mrs. Fisher.

The German work was presented by Mrs. Achard, secretary of the German work.

The treasurers' reports showed the following amount of money raised from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899, which was announced by the secretary as follows:

New England Branch	$ 34,620.64
New York Branch	62,377.68
Philadelphia Branch	36,431.52
Baltimore Branch	19,626.73
Cincinnati Branch	45,117.06
Northwestern Branch	87,893.00
Des Moines Branch	36,006.25
Minneapolis Branch	10,744.34
Topeka Branch	14,824.04
Pacific Branch	7,997.91
Columbia River Branch	4,699.46
Total for 1899	$360,338.63
Raised in 1898	328,488.75
Increase	$ 31,849.88

After this announcement, the doxology was sung, and Bishop Thoburn led in prayer.

Mrs. Foss then introduced to the committee Bishop J. M. Thoburn and Mrs. Thoburn of India, Mrs. Bishop Walden, and Mrs. Bishop Joyce, and the following of the Society's missionaries: Miss Emma Knowles and Miss Florence Maskell of India, Miss Effie G. Young of North China, Miss Grace Todd of West China, Dr. Masters of Foochow, Miss Wilma Rouse of Kucheng, Miss M. Spencer and Miss M. B. Griffiths of Japan, Miss Julia Wisner of Rangoon, Burmah, Miss R. Hammond of South America, and Miss S. Blackmore of Singapore.

A call was made by the president for memorials, and one was presented from Colorado in the territory of the Topeka Branch.

Mrs. J. H. Knowles of the New York Branch was appointed assistant secretary. Announcements of the meetings of committees were made, and a motion to adjourn prevailed, the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. Fisher.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1899.

The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society convened at nine o'clock, Friday morning, opened by devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Tilton of the Baltimore Branch.

Mrs. Foss, the president, took the chair. The roll was called, the minutes read, and after corrections were approved.

The first business of the morning session was the appointment of persons to report the proceedings in the church papers.

The following were appointed: For the *New York Advocate*, Mrs. Gracey; *Central Advocate*, Mrs. Poland; *Pittsburg Advocate*, Mrs. Wilkenson; *Pacific Advocate*, Mrs. Knowles; *Zion's Herald*, Miss Richardson; *California Advocate*, Mrs. Kummer; *Midland Advocate*, Miss Rouse; *Philadelphia Methodist*, Miss Spencer.

A report of the Reference Committee was called for and presented by the secretary, Mrs. Cowen. Twenty-one items of business had been considered by the committee, besides those brought before the meeting held in Evanston in May. Fourteen missionary candidates were accepted, and eight sent out to their respective fields. Help was sent to a number of places where workers or needed changes in property could not wait until the General Executive Committee met, and provision was made for presenting the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering. In making arrangements for this, Mrs. C. S. Winchell was appointed chairman of the committee, with the privilege of selecting her own associates.

The report was accepted.

The report of the Constitutional Publication Committee was presented by the secretary, Mrs. Keen, and accepted. (See Report.)

Miss Walden presented a financial report of the publishing department, which was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee. (See Report.)

Subscriptions to the various periodicals are as follows :

Branches.	W. M. F.	C. M. F.	F. M. F.	Study.
New England	2,504	3,757	52	2,563
New York	3,170	3,437	282	3,768
Philadelphia	2,165	2,157	55	3,053
Baltimore	811	956	40	785
Cincinnati	2,459	2,233	209	3,185
Northwestern	5,308	4,654	704	5,904
Des Moines	2,319	2,459	529	3,675
Minneapolis	583	1,143	567	780
Topeka	1,123	1,293	540	1,959
Pacific	485	535	110	492
Columbia River	279	337	45	452
Scattering	360	183	36	12
Foreign	246	188	540	
Total	21,812	23,332	3,718	26,628
Oct. 1st, 1898	20,858	21,769	3,510	24,443
Increase	954	1,563	208	2,185

Miss Hodgkins, editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, presented a report of the paper, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Publication. (See Report.)

The report of the *Children's Missionary Friend* was presented by the editor, Mrs. Scott, and was accepted and referred to Publication Committee. (See Report.)

The report of the *German Friend* was called and presented by Mrs. Achard, the editor. Accepted and referred to Publication Committee. (See Report.)

Mrs. Cowen asked that the following missionaries be seated with the Cincinnati delegation, and the request was granted: viz., Miss Thoburn of India, Miss Russell of Japan, Miss Rothweiler of Korea, and Miss Singh of India.

The following missionaries were introduced to the committee: Miss Thoburn of India, the first missionary sent out by the Society, who was received with a Chautauqua salute; also Misses Hampton and Otto of Japan; Miss Rothweiler of Korea; Dr. Donahue of China, and Miss Singh of Lucknow. Mrs. Quine, president of the Northwestern Branch, was also introduced.

The report of the Literature Committee was called for and presented by the chairman, Mrs. Gracey. It was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee. (See Report.)

Specimens were shown of literature that had been issued during the year by the committee.

A letter was read by Mrs. Gracey from Miss Baucus of Japan, who was appointed to literary work one year ago, and specimens shown of Japanese literary work accomplished during the year.

Miss Walden, treasurer of the Literature Committee, presented a financial report of the committee, which was accepted and referred to the Publishing Committee. (See Report.)

A call was made for the reading of memorials.

The first was from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Colorado Conference, asking that the General Executive Committee take action in regard to the uniting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Societies, as follows:—

DENVER, COL., October 10, 1899.

To the General Board of Managers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

GREETING:—Your petitioners, the Conference Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Colorado Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, representing one of the most active and difficult fields of labor on which the work of the organization is prosecuted, after wide observation and much experience, consultation and prayer, and with the sincere desire that the glory of God may be enhanced by the increase of the efficiency of the organization, do set forth, in the memorial hereunto attached, facts which they believe should engage your immediate and prayerful attention:

MEMORIAL.

WHEREAS, there now exists in the Methodist Episcopal Church two Woman's Missionary Societies, the Foreign and Home, each having for its ultimate end the same object, namely, the evangelization of the world by the spread of the Gospel; and,

WHEREAS, a very large proportion of the pastoral charges of the Church is too small to support two such societies, and in consequence of which fact neither exists; and,

WHEREAS, where no woman's missionary work is prosecuted on a charge, the women of the Church famish for lack of missionary intelligence; and where but one society exists on a charge, the education of the women is one-sided and incomplete; and,

WHEREAS, in our judgment, the union of the two societies would result in greatly increased efficiency, a large saving of money in the government and operation of the work, and in the establishment of numerous societies where none now exist; therefore be it

Resolved, that we do petition your body to consider the feasibility of, and to take steps to accomplish, an organic union between the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the same to be known as the Woman's Missionary Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church. And be it further

Resolved, that, in case, for any reason, it is impracticable to effect such organic union, authority be granted your petitioners, in view of the peculiar difficulties and requirements of the work in the State of Colorado, to unite their local work with that of their sisters of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and prosecute the same as one body on the territory named.

MRS. H. E. WARNER, *President Conference Board.*
MRS. ELLA B. SIMMONS, *Vice-President Conference Board.*
MRS. CLARA B. BEGGS, *Treasurer Conference Board.*
MRS. NELLIE C. RAY, *Secretary Conference Board.*
MRS. MARY WILSON, *Conference Secretary.*

Another memorial was from the Northwestern Branch asking that the Reading Course and Study be harmonized and the expense of the former be reduced. This memorial was referred to the Publication Committee.

A memorial to the General Conference on changes in Constitution was adopted. (See memorial, page 254.)

Another memorial was from the New York Branch, asking that the Branches have a uniform system of reporting Branch Contingents and total amounts in their annual treasurers' reports; that the General Executive reports present an exhibit of total foreign disbursements by countries; also, that actions taken by the General Executive Committee affecting the Branches be published on a page in the next printed Branch reports.

Mrs. Huston moved for a special Committee to receive and consider the memorials. The motion was carried. A motion was also made that the corresponding secretaries be that committee, but the motion was lost.

It was then moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chair, and a vote was taken, but doubted, when a rising vote was asked for, and resulted in a support of the motion by a vote of 18 to 11.

It was then moved and carried to take up Foreign Reports, and by special request, Mrs. Winchell gave a report of the work in Malaysia, which was supplemented by a very instructive talk by Bishop Thoburn on the work in Singapore and the adjacent islands, and the openings for work in Manila.

The president announced the special Committee on Memorials as follows: Mrs. Joyce, chairman; Mrs. Crandon, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Alderman, and Mrs. Wilson.

Dr. and Mrs. McCartney of Chung King, West China, and Rev. Dr. Burt, of Italy, were introduced to the committee.

Miss Hodgkins called attention to the literature, Mrs. Fisher made announcements, after which the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. Burt.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1899.

The General Executive committee convened at the usual hour. The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Poland of the Des Moines Branch. Rev. Dr. Harris, Superintendent of Japanese work for the Pacific Coast, led in prayer. The president took the chair and called the meeting to order, the roll was called, and the minutes read, corrected, and approved.

Mrs. Fisher of the Columbia River Branch asked that Mrs. Locke be seated with their delegates, and the request was granted.

Mrs. Winchell of the Minneapolis Branch asked that Miss Rouse, Miss Blackmore, and Mrs. Roberts be seated at their table. Mrs. Crandon of the Northwestern asked that Miss Dixon and Miss Singh be seated with their delegates, and Mrs. Skidmore requested that Miss Hampton and Mrs. Dennler be seated with the New York delegates These requests were granted.

Mrs. Crandon, a member of the special committee appointed on memorials, asked to be excused from serving on that committee, as she found it impossible to give the time to it. She was excused.

Foreign reports were called for, and Mrs. Cowen, official correspondent, presented a report of the North India Conference.

Miss Watson called attention to the rule which allows a secretary ten minutes in which to present her report, and asked that it be adhered to. Miss Watson, official correspondent for Northwest India, presented a report of that Conference. Bengal-Burma work was presented by the official correspondent, Mrs. O'Neal, after which Miss Knowles was called upon and read some extracts from letters she had just received concerning the disaster which had befallen Darjeeling, in which four of her pupils were killed, and five of the children of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Calcutta lost their lives, and which resulted in great destruction

of property. Bishop Thoburn spoke and gave fuller particulars concerning the calamity, and also referred to the work in Burmah, and the development of the orphanage at Thandaug.

The South India report was next in order, but was laid over that Mrs. Crandon might present a report on Italy, and that Dr. Burt, superintendent of the Italy mission, might represent the work before leaving. Dr. Burt emphasized the necessity that the Society support Miss Vickery in her work, and spoke of her successful efforts in establishing an institute for girls among the higher classes on a self-supporting basis. Bishop Walden was introduced to the committee, and made statements concerning Italy. He then, by request, gave a talk on the Society's work in Bulgaria.

The report of South India was then called and presented by the official correspondent, Mrs. Stevens. Bishop Thoburn supplemented the report by speaking of the openings in the territory of the South India Conference.

Miss Maskell, of Kolar, India, was introduced, and gave an account of her methods of work in evangelistic lines in Kolar.

The president then announced the name of Mrs. Huston on the Committee on Memorials, to take the place of Mrs. Crandon, resigned.

Rev. W. Pickard, pastor of the church, was introduced, and presented a letter, which was read by the secretary, from Mr. S. R. Badgley, architect, who offered to supply the delegates with copies of his portfolio of "Modern Churches" as a souvenir, in which is a very fine cut of the Epworth Memorial Church.

Mrs. J. H. Knowles made an announcement concerning the literature, and after announcements of meetings of committees, the doxology was sung, and benediction pronounced by Dr. McCartney, of West China.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1899.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the New England Branch, and Mrs. Alderman led in prayer. The roll was called, the miuutes read and approved.

Mrs. Cowen, of the Cincinnati Branch, asked that Mrs. Davis, president of the Branch, take a seat with the delegation. The privilege was granted.

Reports of foreign work were called for, and Mrs. Huston reported

the Bombay Conference, and by vote was granted an extension of fifteen minutes. Mrs. Keen moved that the time be so extended as to allow Mrs. Huston to give her entire report, which motion carried.

A cablegram from Miss Stahl was received, dated Calcutta, India, which was announced as follows : " Arcadia continues—Help." In this connection Miss Knowles, of India, was requested to read some letters recently received concerning the details of the Darjeeling disaster, but instead read a very graphic account from the *Indian Witness*, and pointed out on the map the location. Reference was made to the heroism of Miss Perkins, of Burmah, in going to Miss Stahl's assistance. After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. J. H. Knowles was called upon, and led in earnest prayer for those so grievously bereaved in the calamity.

Foreign reports were resumed, and Mrs. Fisher, official correspondent for North Japan, presented a report. The report was supplemented by addresses given by Miss Hampton, of Hakodate and Miss Otto of Hirosaki.

Mrs. Winchell moved that the committee hear from all who went out on the Sabbath to represent the missionary cause in the churches. The motion prevailed, and the following reported : Misses Maskell, Spencer, Otto, Blackmore, Rouse, Griffiths, Russell, Todd, Young, Dr. Donahue, Dr. Masters, Thoburn, Hammond, Frey, Wisner, Knowles, Rothweiler, and Mrs. Achard.

The president appointed the following Committee on Resolutions : Mrs. Eaton, of the Baltimore Branch, Mrs. Wakelin, of the Philadelphia Branch, and Mrs. C. W. Hall, of the Minneapolis Branch.

Mrs. Tilton requested that in the *Woman's Foreign Missionary Friend* be printed a glossary of foreign words. The request was referred to the Publication Committee.

The following visitors were introduced to the committee : Miss Allen, principal of Folts Institute ; Miss Beard, of the Friends' Mission ; Mrs. Davis, president of the Cincinnati Branch ; Mrs. York, treasurer of the Northwestern Branch ; Miss Baker, secretary of Detroit Conferference ; Miss Dixon, secretary of Indiana Conference ; Mrs. Cornell, treasurer of New York Branch ; Miss Holt, treasurer of the New England Branch; Miss Hall, treasurer of Minneapolis Branch ; Mrs. Dennler, secretary of the New York East Conference ; Mrs. Hill, secretary of the Wilmington Conference, and associate secretary of the Baltimore Branch ; Mrs. Fritz, treasurer of Des Moines Branch ; and Mrs. T. B. Wood, of South America.

Mrs. Pooley called attention to the literature. Announcements were made, after which the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Van Kamp.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1899.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Topeka Branch. The secretary called the roll, after which the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

A motion was made and carried to hear the report of the special committee appointed on memorials. Mrs. Huston, secretary of the committee, presented the following:—

The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in Cleveland, Ohio, sends greeting to the Conference Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Colorado Conference, and in reply to the memorial from your honorable body, begs leave to submit the following:—

WHEREAS, the one sole and specific purpose of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, according to Article II of the constitution, is "To engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending missionaries to the women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting these and native Christian teachers and Bible-readers in those fields;" and,

WHEREAS, the increasing demands upon the resources of the Society, coming from missionaries, superintendents of missions, and visiting bishops, were never so great as to-day; and,

WHEREAS, the methods employed in the past have proved so eminently successful as to result in a growth and prosperity unprecedented in the history of the Woman's Missionary Society of the world; and,

WHEREAS, fearing that a change in our plans, looking toward a division of interests, would prove disastrous as well as presumptuous on our part, when God has so clearly called us to this work, and has so signally put his seal of approval upon it; therefore,

Resolved, first, that after careful deliberation we deem it unadvisable to consider any change in the constitution which would affect our present methods and purpose of work.

Resolved, second, as there are difficulties, of much the same character, to be met in all parts of our territory. it seems unexpedient to vary our established policy for any one section.

MRS. I. W. JOYCE, *Chairman.*
MRS. M. S. HUSTON, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted by a rising vote.

In regard to the memorials presented by the New York Branch, the secretary reported that one item, the first, had previously been acted upon, the second was under consideration, and the third was a matter for the Branch to settle and not the Executive Committee.

A motion prevailed to hear a partial report of the Publication Committee, which was presented by the secretary, Mrs. Cook. It was moved and carried to discuss item by item.

[See Report.]

Mrs. Keen moved that a cablegram be sent to Miss Stahl at Calcutta, with the message, "Help Coming," stating that the expense for sending the message had been provided for. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Winchell, chairman of the Twentieth Century Committee, requested that the secretary, Mrs. Herben, be allowed to present a report. The request was granted, and it was moved and carried to adopt item by item. After some modifications the report was adopted.

We, the Committee on Twentieth Century Thank-Offering, beg leave to recommend the following plan :—

1. That we endorse the preamble and resolution adopted in the General Executive Committee of 1898, to raise at least $200,000 for a Twentieth Century Thank-Offering.

2. That in Branches where a Twentieth Century Thank-Offering Committee has not already been appointed, such appointment be made at the first meeting of the Branch Executive Committee following the General Executive Committee of October, 1899.

3. That the offering made by each Branch shall be a proportionate fraction of the $200,000 voted in 1898, and that this proportion be based on the reported receipts of each Branch for the year ending October 1, 1898, exclusive of bequests.

4. That each Branch assume a definite amount, to be secured each year, and designate the specific object within the purpose of the Thank-Offering, to which it shall be applied.

5. That public meetings in the interest of the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering be held in all Methodist Episcopal Churches wherever practicable.

6. That gifts, large and small, be generally solicited.

7. That a general Twentieth Century Thank-Offering leaflet, in the interest of this movement in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, be prepared for circulation through the Executive Committee of the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

8. That uniform prayer pledges for all divisions of our Thank-Offering be circulated in the auxiliaries of every Branch.

9. That a special effort be made to increase our membership by forty per cent. of the members reported October 1, 1899; these accessions to be known as the Thank-Offering membership.

10. That we aim to advance the subscriptions so as to bring the *Woman's Missionary Friend* to 30,000; *Children's Missionary Friend* to 30,000; *Frauen-Missions-Freund* to 5,000; *The Study* to 35,000, making a total of 100,000.

11. That money contributed for buildings, lands, and endowments during the year closing October 1, 1899, shall be included in this Thank-Offering.

Adopted by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, November 1, 1899.

MRS. C. S. WINCHELL, *Chairman.*
MRS. STEPHEN J. HERBEN, *Secretary.*

A report of the Folt's Institute was presented from Mrs. E. E. Baldwin, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Institute, and a legal statement read from Mr. Lemuel Skidmore in regard to the transfer of the property. Miss Allen, acting president, was introduced, and made an address relating to the Institute and the work of the year.

Mrs. Winchell read a letter from Rev. Mr. Shellabear, of Malaysia, in regard to the transfer of certain property in Singapore, and presented the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Dr. Benjamin Franklin West, of Penang, Malaysia, is hereby authorized to sell the property known as the Christian Institute, held in trust by him for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and to duly execute a deed for the transfer of said property, and hand over the proceeds to the treasurer of our Malaysia mission.

Miss Watson moved that the Committee proceed to settle the place for the next meeting of the Committee. The motion carried. Invitations were received from the New Egland and Pacific Branches, from the former to meet in Worcester, Mass., and from the latter to meet in California.

It was moved to accept the invitation from California, but after some discussion the motion was withdrawn, and a motion was made and prevailed that the vote be deferred.

A telegram of greeting from Rev. Dr. Oldham was announced, and after the presentation of the literature by Miss Baker, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Pickard.

SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1, 1899.

The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society convened at the usual hour. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Pacific Branch. The President took the chair, and the Secretary called the roll. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Mrs. Cowen, Secretary of the Cincinnati Branch, asked that Mrs. Stevens of that Branch be excused, as she found it necessary to return home. She was excused. Mrs. Huston notified the Committee that one year ago a proposed change in Article 5 of Section 1, Constitution, was made, to insert "Secretary of German Work," after Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch. This change was adopted.

A motion was made and carried to hear from Special Committees.

Miss Walden reported for the Committee on proposed changes in the Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Substitute "Organization" for "Association."

ARTICLE 2. Substitute "Object" for "Purpose;" also in first line the same. In last line of article, substitute "all forms of work carried on by the Society" for "native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields."

ARTICLE 4. In second line insert "District Associations" after "Co-ordinate Branches."

ARTICLE 5. In Section 1, after "Recording Secretary," in third line, insert "General Treasurer," and after "Corresponding Secretary," in fourth line, insert "Literature Secretary" and "Superintendent of German Work," changing the phraseology to read:

"The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee consisting of a President, Recording Secretary, General Treasurer; the Corresponding Secretary, Literature Secretary, and two Delegates from each Branch, and the Superintendent of German work. The President, Recording Secretary, General Treasurer, and Superintendent of German Work shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee. The two delegates and reserves shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings."

SECTION 2. The duties of General Executive Committee shall be: "First" instead of "1," and "Second" instead of "2," and "3" shall

be stricken out, and such portions as shall conform to the Constitution transferred to By-Laws under Duties of Committees.

ARTICLE 6. "Branches," shall be changed to Article 7, and Article 6 shall be "Permanent Committees" of W. F. M. S. First, "Reference Committee;" Second, "Constitutional Publication Committee." Third, "Literature Committee."

ARTICLE 7, Section 1. Strike out "Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Cincinnati shall be regarded." Strike out all Section 2, putting the name of Branch, States included, and Headquarters under Section 1, as follows:

NAME.	STATES INCLUDED.	HEADQUARTERS.
New England Branch,	New England States.	Boston, Mass.
New York Branch,	New York, New Jersey.	New York, N. Y.
Philadelphia Branch,	Pennsylvania and Delaware.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Baltimore Branch,	Maryland, District of Columbia, Eastern Virginia and Florida.	Baltimore, Md.
Cincinnati Branch,	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.	Cincinnati, O.
Northwestern Branch,	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin.	Chicago, Ill.
Des Moines Branch,	Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana.	Des Moines, Iowa.
Minneapolis Branch,	Minnesota, North and South Dakota.	Minneapolis, Minn.
Topeka Branch,	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.	Topeka, Kans.
Pacific Branch,	California, Nevada, Arizonia, and Hawaii.	Los Angeles, Cal.
Columbia River Branch,	Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.	Portland, Ore.

Section 3 shall be Section 2. In the second line, "not less than ten Vice-Presidents" shall be changed to one or more." Third line, after "Corresponding Secretary," insert "Literature Secretary," and after "not less than ten managers," insert "such other officers as shall be necessary for the efficient work of the Branch."

In the sixth line, omit "nine of whom shall be a quorum." Strike out Section 4. Section 5 becomes Section 3. Section 6 becomes Section 4. Section 7 becomes Section 5.

Section 5. In the third line substitute "from all forms of work carried on by the Society," for, "of the Missionaries, Bible-women and teachers."

ARTICLE 8. District Associations. District Associations shall be formed wherever practicable; said associations to have supervision of all auxiliaries within their limits.

Article 7 becomes Article 9, Auxiliary Societies.

Article 8 becomes Article 10.

Article 9 becomes Article 11.

BY-LAWS.

The following changes in the By-Laws were adopted:

Page 207, Annual Report, under By-Laws of General Executive Committee, for No. 5 substitute, "the traveling expenses of President and Recording Secretary shall be paid by General Treasurer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Under No. 6, after "Report of Constitutional Publication Committee, insert "Reports of Editors and Publishers," which will be No. 7; 7 becomes 8, 8 becomes 9, 9 becomes 10, 10 becomes 11, 11 becomes 12, 12 becomes 13. Nos. 8 and 9 transferred to By-Laws of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society under "Duties of Officers."

Page 208, Annual Report, under By-Laws of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society:

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society.

2. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of all proceedings of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and place the same in the safe of the Publication Office.

She shall present at the anniversary of the Society a report of the year's work. She shall also forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment of the General Executive Committee, a copy of the appropriations for each mission.

Nos. 1 and 2, under Branch Corresponding Secretaries, shall become 3.

Under Branch Treasurers, in No. 1, the last part, "they shall forward," etc., shall be stricken out.

Page 216, Annual Report, under "Publications of the Society," in No. 1, "*The Study*" shall be added after "*Frauen-Missions-Freund*," and No. 6 shall be stricken out.

Under Constitutional Publication Committee, No. 7, the Chairman of Literature Committee shall be stricken out, and the words, *Woman's Missionary Friend, Children's Missionary Friend, Frauen-Missions-Freund*, shall be inserted after the word "editors."

Mrs. Huston moved that the fifth by-law for the General Executive Committee, referring to the opening of the sessions be stricken out. It was so ordered.

A letter of greeting was read from Mrs. Aiken, recording Secretary of the Home Missionary Society.

CINCINNATI, O., October 30, 1899.

To the Executive Committee of the Woman's F. M. Society of the M. E. Church:

DEAR SISTERS.—At the closing session of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the W. H. M. Society of the M. E. Church held in Pittsburg, Pa., I was instructed to convey to you our Christian greetings.

See 1 Cor. XV. 58.

In behalf of the Society.

Yours, in Christian Fellowship.

Mrs. F. A. AIKEN, *Rec. Sec'y.*

The Secretary was instructed to reply, and express the sympathy and sorrow of the Committee on the loss of their Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Rust.

Mrs. R. E. Clark of Chicago and Miss P. J. Walden of Boston were elected railroad secretaries.

A motion was made and prevailed that the Thank-Offering resolutions and figures presented on the blackboard by Miss Dixon be printed in order that the delegates may have them to take home.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

To be used in connection with the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering movement in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Showing:—

1. The strength of the Methodist Church in each of the eleven Branches.

2. The number of churches in which the W. F. M. S. is organized and its membership.

3. The number of churches in which the Society is not yet represented; and—

4. The approximate number of women not interested in the work based on the accredited ratio of two women to one man in the Church at large.

BRANCHES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Members.	Churches having Organization.	Membership of the W. F. M. S.	Unorganized Churches.	Uninterested Women.
New England	1,249	146,570	453	17,606	796	80,114
New York	2,592	325,447	796	28,328	1,796	188,636
Philadelphia	2,119	243,298	403	15,429	1,716	146,769
Baltimore	1,186	108,463	133	5,706	1,053	66,602
Cincinnati	3,814	361,620	822	20,348	2,992	220,732
Northwestern	4,837	527,543	1,140	33,100	3,697	329,648
Des Moines	2,690	179,035	579	15,209	2,111	96,649
Minneapolis	624	47,012	157	4,533	466	26,807
Topeka	1,628	161,160	288	6,823	1,340	100,617
Pacific	329	26,265	103	3,800	266	13,710
Columbia River	361	33,870	61	1,738	300	14,176
Total	21,428	2,151,035	4,935	152,674	16,493	1,284,478

"There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

NOTE.—A similar table may be arranged for Conferences and Districts, and is very effective at District meetings.

TWENTIETH CENTURY THANK-OFFERING OF THE W. F. M. S.—The advance will be indicated from month to month, until Dec. 31, 1901.

New England Branch	$4,860.28
New York Branch	6,000.00
Philadelphia Branch	5,000.00
Baltimore Branch	2,000.00
Cincinnati Branch	5,750.00
Northwestern Branch	9,396.82
Des Moines Branch	4,000.00
Minneapolis Branch	1,545.93
Topeka Branch	53.00
Pacific Branch	3,000.00
Columbia River Branch	Unreported

Each Branch Secretary was asked to report the amount of Thank-offering for the past year to the Secretary.

The announcement was made that a lady in the audience would contribute $5,000 for the purpose of erecting a hospital in Chung King,

China, the money to go through the Cincinnati Branch, which announcement caused great joy.

The following resolution was passed by a rising vote :

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been the recipient of many favors through legal services rendered by Mr. Lemuel Skidmore of New York City, therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express to him our appreciation of his kindness and our sincere thanks for his services so constantly and generously given.

Signed—General Ex. Com.
By the Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Gracey.

Cleveland, O., November 1, 1899.

Mrs. Crandon presented the following which was adopted :

That a letter of affection and sympathy be written Mrs. Dr. Butler, through our Secretary, expressing appreciation of Dr. Butler's great service to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The selecting of a place for holding the next General Executive Committee, which had been deferred, was taken up. The invitation from the New England Branch, that the next session be held in Worcester was accepted.

Miss Watson offered a resolution expressing the thanks of the committee to the Pacific Branch which had so cordially extended an invitation, but on account of great distance and expense the Committee could not accept the invitation. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

A motion prevailed that the reports of foreign work be printed and not read.

It was decided to hold a business session in the afternoon.

Mrs. Madison of the Topeka Branch, made announcements of literature, after which the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Fisher.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Afternoon Session was called to order by the President. The final report of the Publication Committee was presented and adopted as a whole. The final report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was also presented and adopted. (See reports.)

Miss Adams, a young lady of Pittsburg, who goes to Foochow at her own expense to assist Miss Bonafield, was introduced.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Dr. S. L. Baldwin and Mrs. E. E. Baldwin were nominated as trustees for Folt's Institute. After announcements the Committee adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1899.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Northwestern Branch. The President took the chair. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved. Attention was called by the President to copies of the Pittsburg *Advocate* found upon the tables containing a partial report of the proceedings of the General Executive Committee, the report having been furnished by Mrs. Wilkinson.

Mrs. Winchell moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Wilkinson, which was carried.

Miss Lulu M. Frey from Korea, a missionary of the Cincinnati Branch, was introduced and made an address on the work in Korea.

Mrs. Joyce reported that $2.85 had been left from the printing of the Thank-offering resolutions, and asked instruction as to its disposal. It was moved to pay it over to the Treasurer of the Literature Committee to be used in printing Prayer Pledges in connection with the Thank-offering.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and carried that the printed Thank-offering matter be taken home by the Secretaries and be distributed in the Branches.

Mrs. Winchell moved that for the coming two years one column of each issue of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* be devoted to the Twentieth Century Thank-offering, and that the gifts to the offering be reported from month to month. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Powell of the Philadelphia Branch offered the following which was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That we respond to the call of our Bishops for "Two million souls for Christ" by pledging ourselves to most earnest work and prayers for the salvation of souls, both in this and foreign lands.

Mrs. Powell asked to be excused from further attendance on the committee, which request was granted.

The Secretary read the following communication from Japan :

Kwassin Jo Gakko and the 20th Century Thank-offering.

Attention is called to Kwassin, the largest and most advanced school in Japan for the Christian education of young women. The school was founded by Miss Elizabeth Russell in 1879. Since that time more than eight hundred pupils have received instruction, over two

hundred being enrolled at the present time, twenty-seven graduates from the Biblical Department are actively engaged in evangelistic work —the news of salvation being carried by them to various parts of Japan and to the Loo Choo islands. Over twenty graduates from the Collegiate Department are occupying influential positions in educational work, and the demand for workers from this school is constantly increasing. Need: Fifty thousand dollars for endowment. Signed,

MARION YOUNG,
IRENE E. LEE,
LOLA M. KIDWELL,
MARY E. MELTON.

I heartily commend the above named school to the attention of all friends of the education of women in the Orient.

This institution is doing an excellent work.

EARL CRANSTON.
J. C. DAVISON.

Miss Griffiths, of Japan, made an address and told a very interesting story in regard to a Japanese shrine, which Miss Simonds, of Japan, hoped to bring to Mrs. Stevens of the Baltimore Branch. It was presented to Mrs. Stevens through Miss Simonds' mother, who was in attendance at the meeting.

A motion was made, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 1:30, which prevailed.

The Secretary was called upon to read some of the foreign reports, and selected Central Japan. This was followed by a talk by Miss Spencer, of Japan.

The official report of Mexico was read by the Secretary.

The report from South Japan was read by Mrs. J. H. Knowles. Mrs. E. B. Stevens read the report of Foochow Conference.

The announcement was made that a member of the Auxiliary of Epworth Memorial Church had contributed $50 for a Bible-woman in Korea and $30 for a Bible-woman in North India.

The literature was presented by Mrs. Fritz.

The hymn "The Morning Light is Breaking" was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Fisher.

AFTERNOON SESSION, THURSDAY, NOV. 2, 1899.

The General Executive Committee convened at two o'clock with the President in the chair.

Miss Maskell, of India, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

Mrs. Foss, the President, asked to be excused, and her request granted.

Mrs. Davis, President of the Cincinnati Branch, was appointed to take the chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

Mrs. Huston asked that the article concerning the Treasurer sending the appropriations to the foreign fields be expunged, as a different arrangement had been made. It was so ordered, by a two-thirds standing vote.

The election of officers was the next business taken up.

Mrs. C. D. Foss, of Philadelphia, was nominated by Mrs. Huston for re-election as President. Miss Crandon nominated Mrs. J. T. Gracey, of Rochester, for re-election as Secretary, and Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, of New York, for General Treasurer. These officers were duly elected, and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Foss of her election.

A resolution of sympathy and affection was passed for Mrs. H. Benton, who was reported ill, and a box of flowers sent her through Mrs. Davis.

The Secretary announced that the Thank-offerings from the Branches for the year amounted to $36,594.00. It was also announced that the sales of Literature during the session of the Committee amounted to $367.95.

Mrs. Cowen, Secretary of the Finance Committee, presented a series of resolutions which were discussed and adopted, item by item. (See Report).

Mrs. Hansom of Pacific Branch, Mrs. G. L. Larash of Northwestern Branch, and Miss Richardson of New England Branch, were appointed a standing committee for distribution of literature at any large inter-denominational gatherings held in their respective districts.

The Committee on Resolutions presented a report, through the Chairman, Mrs. Eaton, of the Baltimore Branch, which resolutions were adopted by a rising vote. (See report.)

The report of the Finance Committee was called for, and each Corresponding Secretary presented the appropriations for her Branch for 1900 as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1900.

New England Branch	$ 33,638 00
New York Branch	60,122 00
Philadelphia Branch	29,458 00
Baltimore Branch	13,000 00
Cincinnati Branch	41,980 00
Northwestern Branch	85,000 00
Des Moines Branch	45,000 00
Minneapolis Branch	11,000 00
Topeka Branch	15,800 00
Pacific Branch	8,000 00
Columbia River Branch	4,900 00
	$347,898 00
For a 20th century thank-offering fund,	100,000 00
Total	$447,898 00

This report was adopted.

Mrs. Keen moved that the Baroda Orphanage be the object of the thank-offerings of Epworth Leagues and Junior Bands that have no other special work.

Mrs. Skidmore moved an amendment, instead of saying Epworth Leagues or Junior Bands that the words Children's Bands be used, and called the Children's Twentieth Century Thank-Offering.

The amendment was accepted and the resolution as amended adopted.

The division of the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering by Branches was discussed, and Mrs. Skidmore moved that the amount of two hundred thousand dollars be appropriated proportionally among the Branches, which after discussion was carried.

Miss Maskell, of India, by action of the Committee was made a full missionary of the Society.

Miss Thoburn made the announcement that the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars had been given her for the Lucknow College during the day by a member of the Epworth Memorial Church.

The minutes of the session were read and approved, when Rev. W. B. Pickard, pastor of the church, made a short farewell address to the Committee and then led in prayer.

After a service of song, Mrs. M. S. Huston and Mrs. H. B. Skidmore led in closing prayers, and the thirtieth session of the General Executive Committee adjourned Thursday afternoon, Nov. 2nd, 1899.

MRS. J. T. GRACEY, *Secretary.*

Memorial to General Conference.

MEMORIAL FROM THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSEMBLED IN CHICAGO, ILL., MAY, 1900.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—In the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society we find that Article IX reads:

"ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

"This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Section 4 of Article VIII reads:—

"Sec. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our regular church services, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amount so collected shall be reported by the pastor to the annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the annual and general minutes."

Section 5 reads:—

"Sec. 5. Section 4 of this paragraph (¶362) shall not be interpreted so as to prevent the women from taking collections in meetings convened in the interest of their societies; nor from securing memberships and life memberships in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals, or arranging lectures in the interests of their work."

Believing that said sections may be so amended as to more clearly express their true intention in accordance with article IX, we respectfully ask your honorable body to combine and change Sections 4 and 5 of Article VIII so as to read:

Sec. 4. The funds of the Society shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by collections or subscriptions taken in meetings convened in the interest of the Society where its work is represented. The amount so collected shall be reported by the pastor to the Annual Conference and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the annual and general minutes.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary forward this memorial to the General Conference.

GIFTS TO THE

Evangel-ine Perpetual Bible-woman's Fund.

THROUGH THE NEW YORK BRANCH.

Invested in buildings in India	$5,000.00
Invested in buildings in South America	2,000.00
Invested in buildings in Mexico	2,000.00
Received in 1899 to be invested	8,000.00

Fifty dollars interest to be paid annually on each one thousand dollars invested, to maintain in perpetuity the following Bible-women.

By Angeline Ensign Newman in memory of her

Father —Rev. Datus Ensign, for Bible-woman Mary, in Buenos Ayres, South America.

Mother —Mary Winegar Ensign, for Bible-woman Mary, in Montevideo, South America.

Sisters —Mary A. Ensign Campbell, for Bible-woman Anna, in Mexico City.

—Adria Eliza Ensign, for Bible-woman Adria, in Pachuca, Mexico.

Brothers—John Wesley Ensign, for Bible-woman Mary, in Pithoragarh, India.

—William Fletcher Ensign, for Bible-woman Mary, in Pithoragarh, India.

—Hiram Asbury Ensign, for Bible-woman Mary, in Chandag, India.

—Benson Coke Ensign, for Bible-woman Sarah Gill, in Paori, India.

One thousand dollars—Gifts to Mrs Newman for a home for returned missionaries at Round Lake, afterwards converted to this fund by consent of donors, in honor of Mrs. Pruda D. Harwood, for Bible-woman Nora Gill in Naini Tal, India.

To all to whom these presents may come and whom it may concern:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Angeline Ensign Newman has paid over to the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist

Episcopal Church the sum of seven thousand dollars in seven installments of one thousand dollars each up to date, upon the understanding and agreement hereinafter expressed:

Now, therefore, know ye that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in consideration of the payment of said sums of money above recited, has agreed and doth hereby agree to and with Mrs. Angeline Ensign Newman and any other person or persons who shall contribute a sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose hereinafter stated, that for each sum of one thousand dollars heretofore paid by Mrs. Angeline Ensign Newman as aforesaid, or hereafter to be paid to the Society by her, or by any other person or persons for the like purpose, the said Society will hold an invested permanent fund of one thousand dollars, and will ever hereafter apply the income thereof, at the rate of five per cent. per annum, exclusively to the support of a converted native Bible-woman in such mission field as may be deemed advisable by said Society, and who shall be employed to read the Holy Scriptures in the native language of the country where such Bible-woman may reside, for at least three hours in each day to women and children of that country, in their homes or wherever found, who will listen to the reading of the Bible.

In witness whereof these presents have been subscribed by the members of the Executive Committee of said Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at a meeting of said Committee, held at Cincinnati, O., on the 20th day of May, 1897.

HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,
LUCY A. ALDERMAN,
SARAH L. KEEN,
ELIZA B. STEVENS,
ELLEN T. COWEN,
SARAH E. CRANDON,
MARY S. HUSTON,
CHARLOTTE S. WINCHELL,
MATILDA WATSON,
CHARLOTTE O'NEIL,
HARRIET D. FISHER.

Mary Ann (Ensign) Campbell.

Adria Eliza Ensign.

Caroline Abigail Ensign.

John Wesley Ensign

William Fletcher Ensign

Rev Darius and Mary (Winegar) Ensign

FATHER. MOTHER.

Hiram Asbury Ensign.

Benson Coke Ensign

(Grandchild Eleanor Gill

Lydia Jane (Ensign) Burrows.

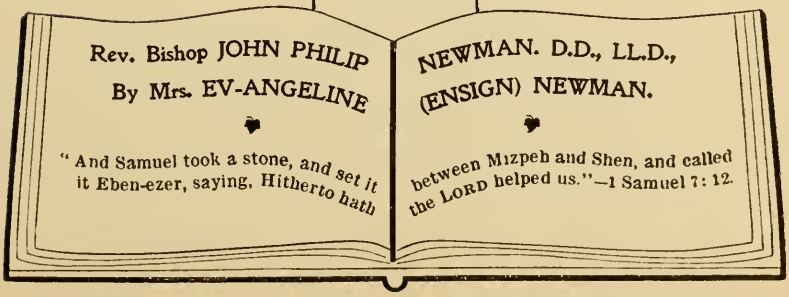
Rev Ensign Burrows Lockwood

Almira L. (Ensign) Giddings.

Angeline (Ensign) Newman.

C Malinda (Ensign) Lockwood

L Emily (Ensign) Smith



DEPOTS OF SUPPLIES.

New England Branch.—Miss Julia F. Small, Room 29, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

New York Branch.—Miss M. L. Strow, Room 401, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Philadelphia Branch.—Mrs. W. A. Spencer, 1018 Arch St., Philadelphia. Pa.

Baltimore Branch.—Mrs. J. S. Rawlings, 118 East Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md.

Cincinnati Branch.—Mrs. C. L. Morgan, Methodist Book Room, 220 W. 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Northwestern Branch.—Miss Frances Butcher, 57 Washington St., Room 32½, Chicago, Ill.

Des Moines Branch.—Miss Kate E. Moss, Maryville, Mo.

Minneapolis Branch.—Miss Mabel Martin, 1709 Hewitt Avenue, Hamline, Minn.

Topeka Branch.—Miss M. D. Thackara, 1303 T. St., Lincoln, Neb.

Pacific Branch.—Miss Josephine Crum, 254 E. 23d St., Los Angeles Cal.

Columbia River Branch.—Miss Annie Farrell, 231 West Park St., Portland, Ore.

POSTAGE TO FOREIGN LANDS.

The rates of postage to Mexico are the same as in the United States. To all other points where our Missionaries are stationed letters weighing half an ounce are five cents; newspapers one cent for each two ounces; postal cards two cents. Foreign postal cards may be procured at any postoffice. All foreign postage must be fully prepaid.

FOREIGN MONEY.

In India a *Pice* is one-fourth of an anna, or about two-thirds of a cent.

An *Anna* is one-sixteenth of a Rupee.

The *Rupee* varies in value, and is now worth about 33 cents.

JAPAN. The *yen* (or dollar) whether in gold or silver differs but slightly in value from the gold and silver dollar in the United States. One hundred *sen* in the *yen*.

CHINA. A *cash* is one mill. The *tael* is worth in gold about $1.15. The Mexican dollar is also used in China.

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